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Recent battles with villains Carnage and Nightmare have put Peter in an awful mental state, especially since the death of his friend Gwen Stacy at the hands of Carnage. He is doubting his role as Spider-Man and is unable to communicate with his girlfriend and confidant, Mary Jane Watson.

Norman Osborn, the father of Peter's best friend, Harry, was developing a wonder drug called Oz. Testing of the mystery drug created the genetically altered spider that accidentally created Spider-Man.

In an attempt to repeat the process on himself, Osborn destroyed his life. He mutated himself into a hulking goblin figure. Driven mad by the mutation, he set out to erase any memory of his existence. He killed his wife and attempted to kill his own son.

In fact, one of Spider-Man's first tests of mettle was fighting the mysterious Goblin.

Harry Osborn has been witness to all of his father's shocking and violent Goblin outbursts. Norman Osborn recently escaped from S.H.I.E.L.D. custody and tried to use Peter as part of a commando brigade against the White House.

Nick Fury led the Ultimates and Spider-Man to a successful defeat of Osborn, but was forced to use Harry Osborn as a decoy.

A dumbstruck Harry witnessed the violent defeat of his father. Peter tried to comfort his old friend. The only words Harry could mutter were: "I'll kill you all."

That was the last time Peter, or anyone, saw Harry.



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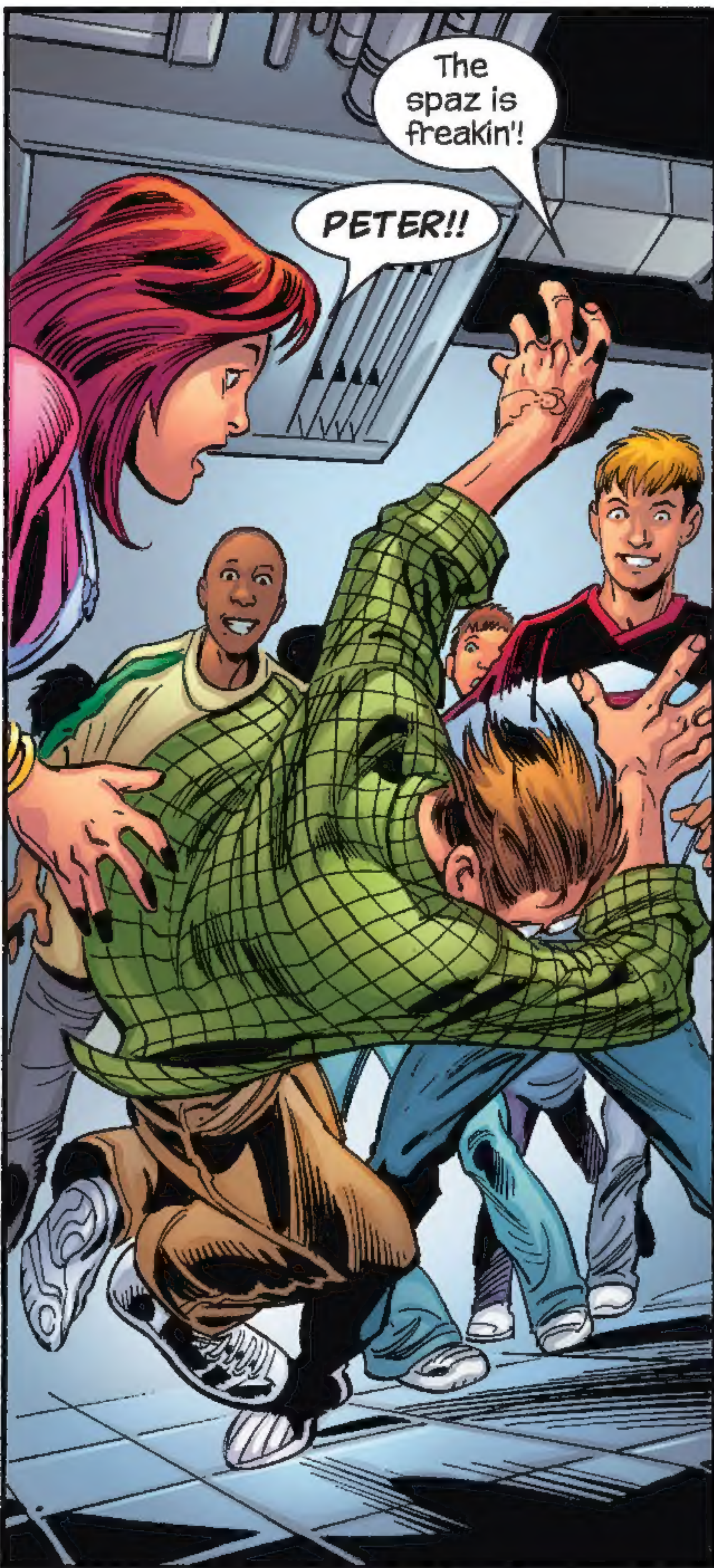
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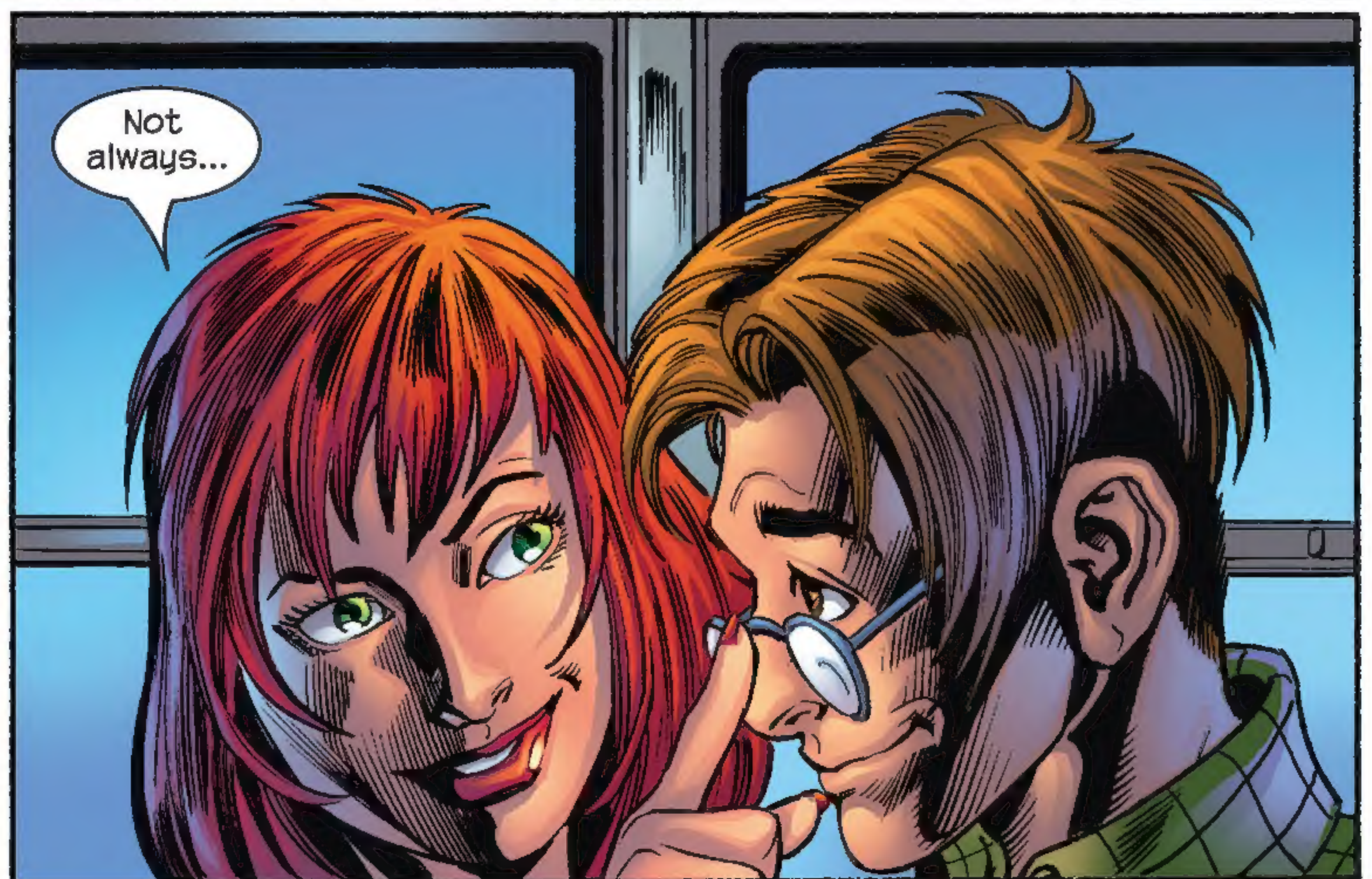
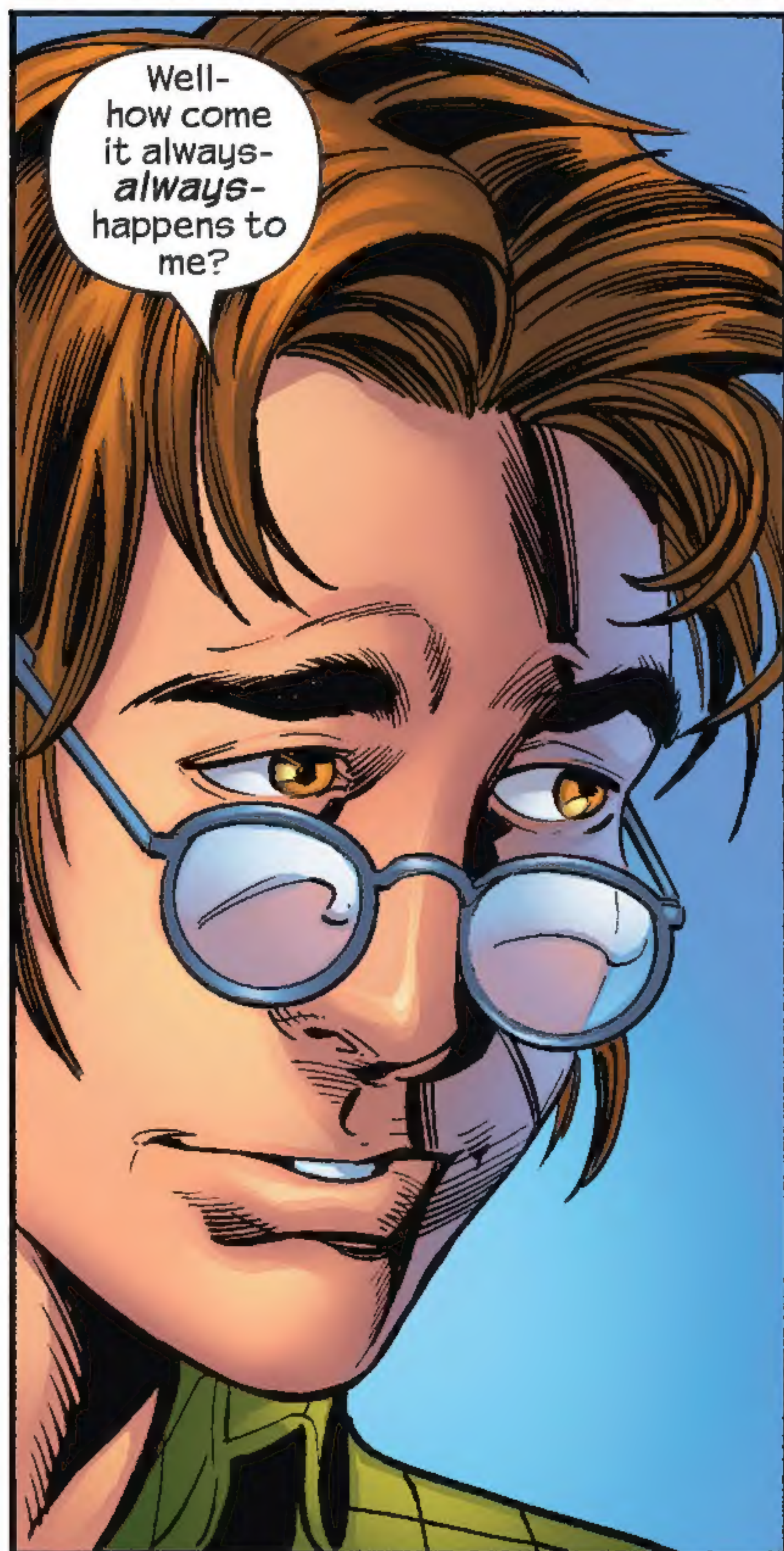
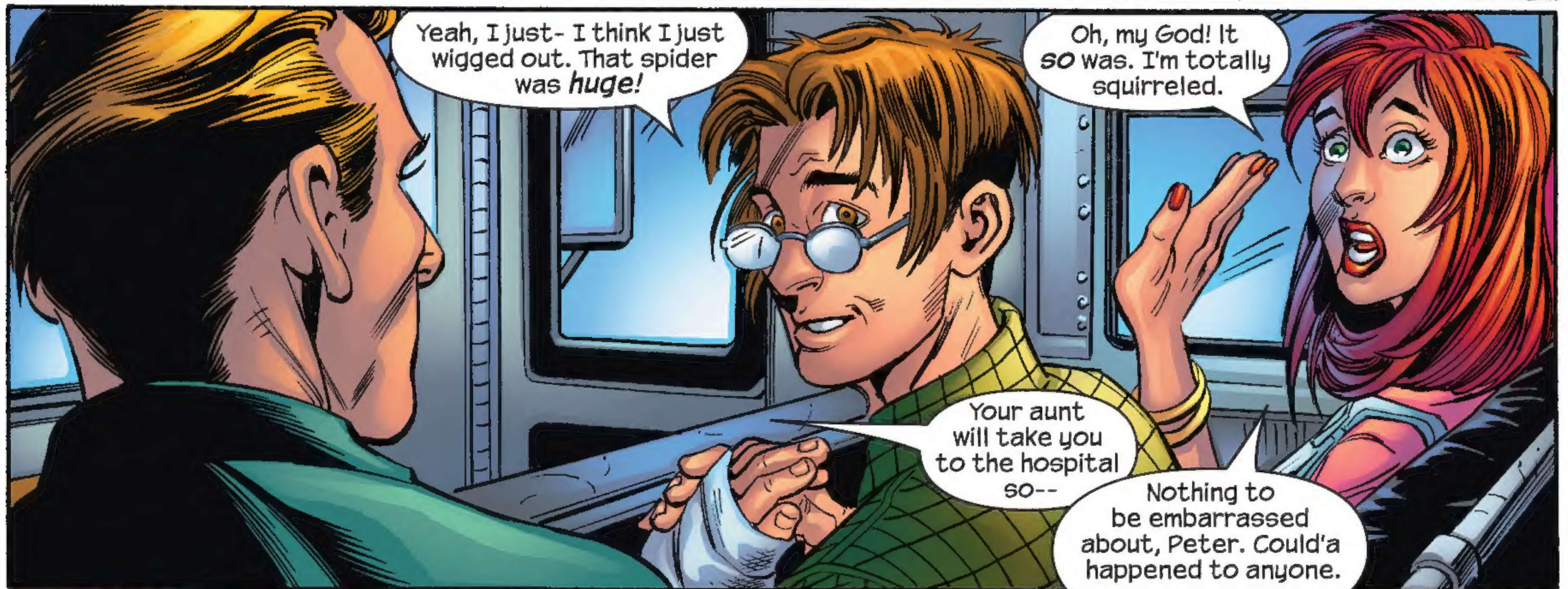
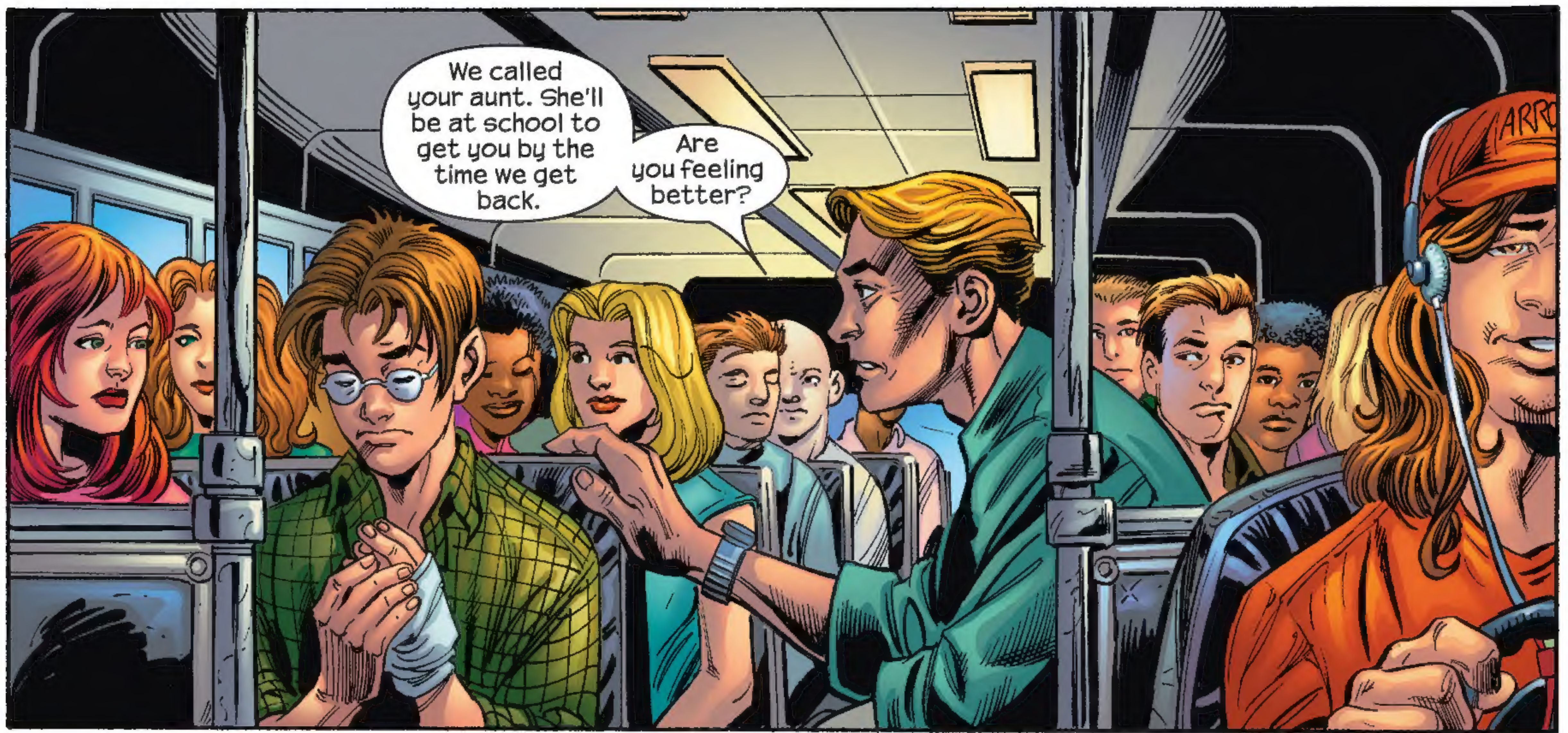
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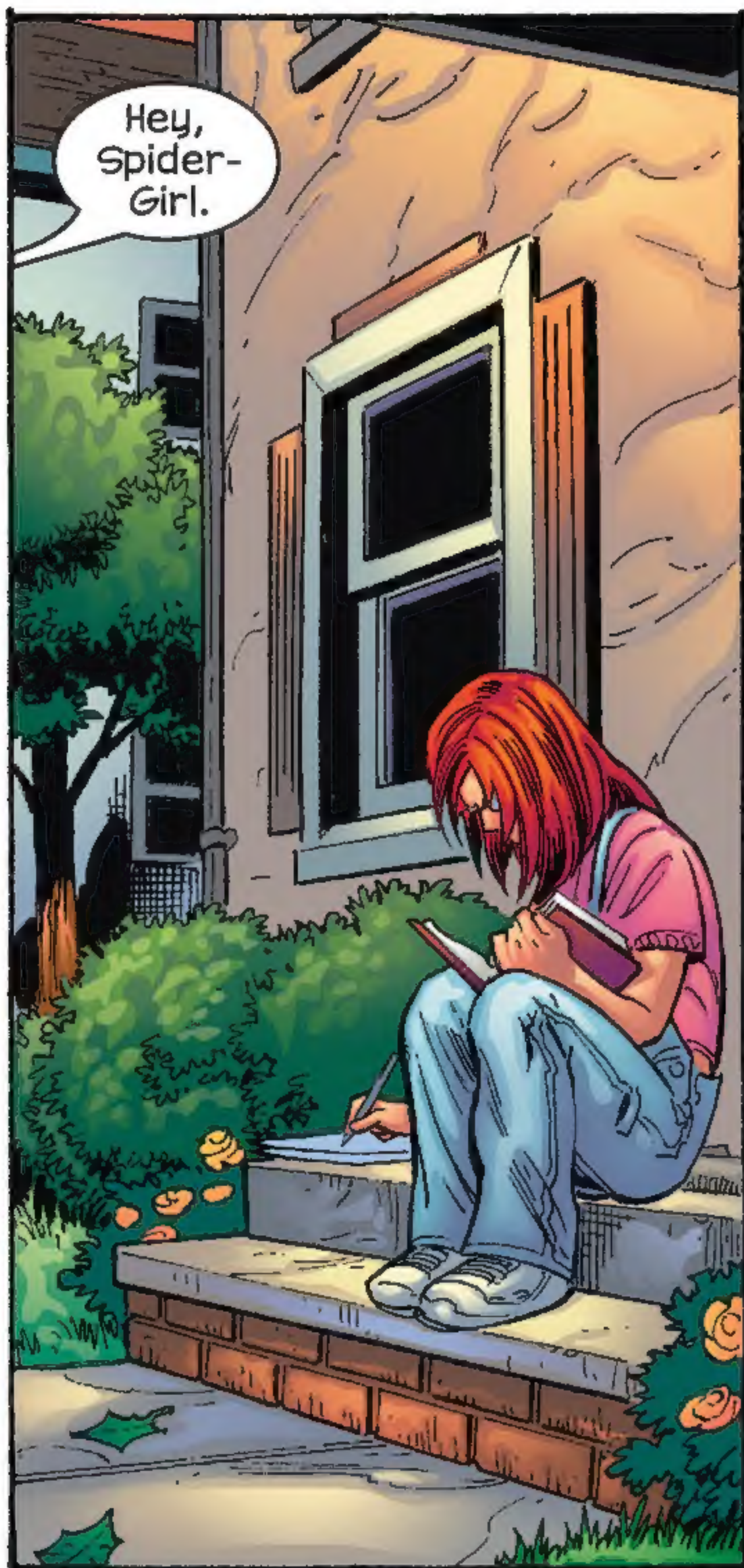
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NINE MONTHS AGO









Hey,
Spider-
Girl.



Considering I could
sue Oscorp for everything
you got...you're being quite
the smart aleck,
Harrison.

My lawyers
sent me here
to settle.



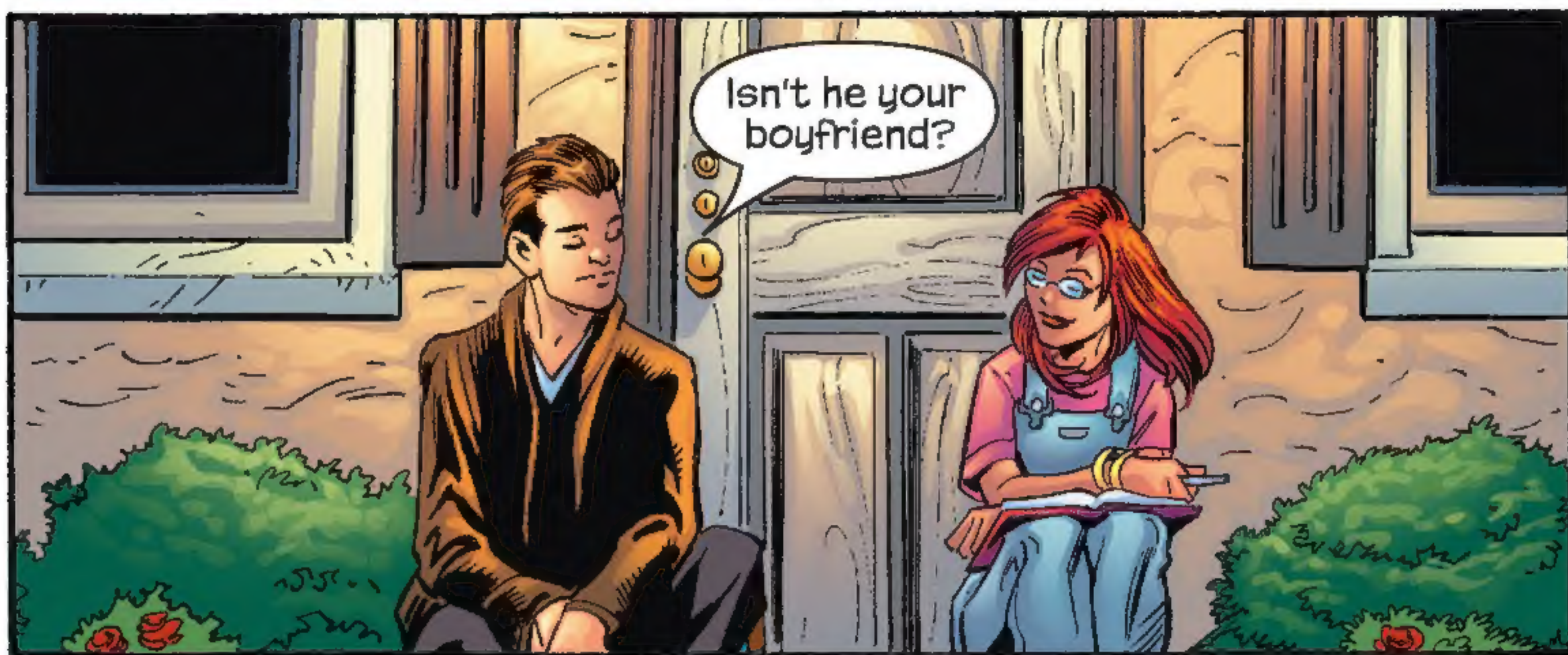
Oh
yeah?

How's
Peter?

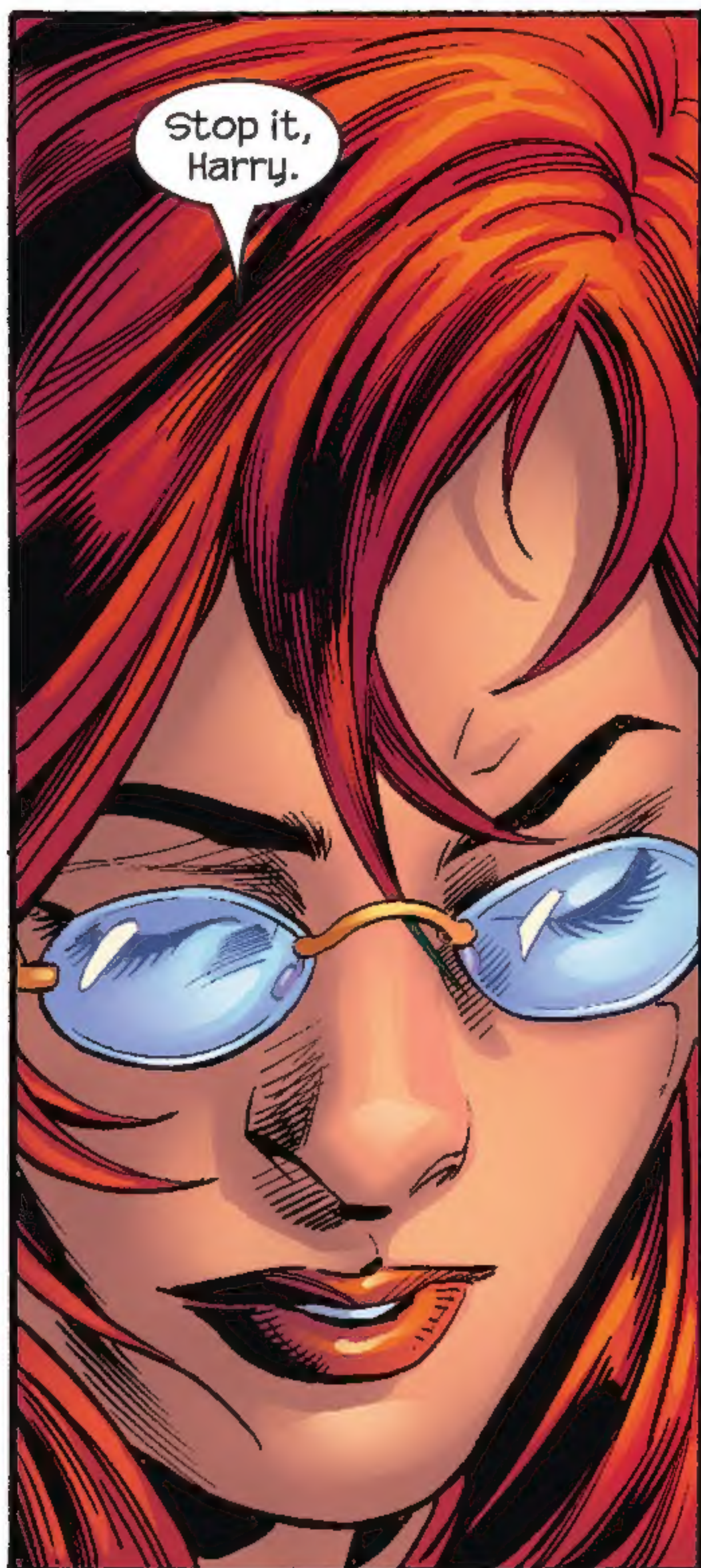
His aunt
flipped out-
took him to
the E.R.

You
didn't go
with him?

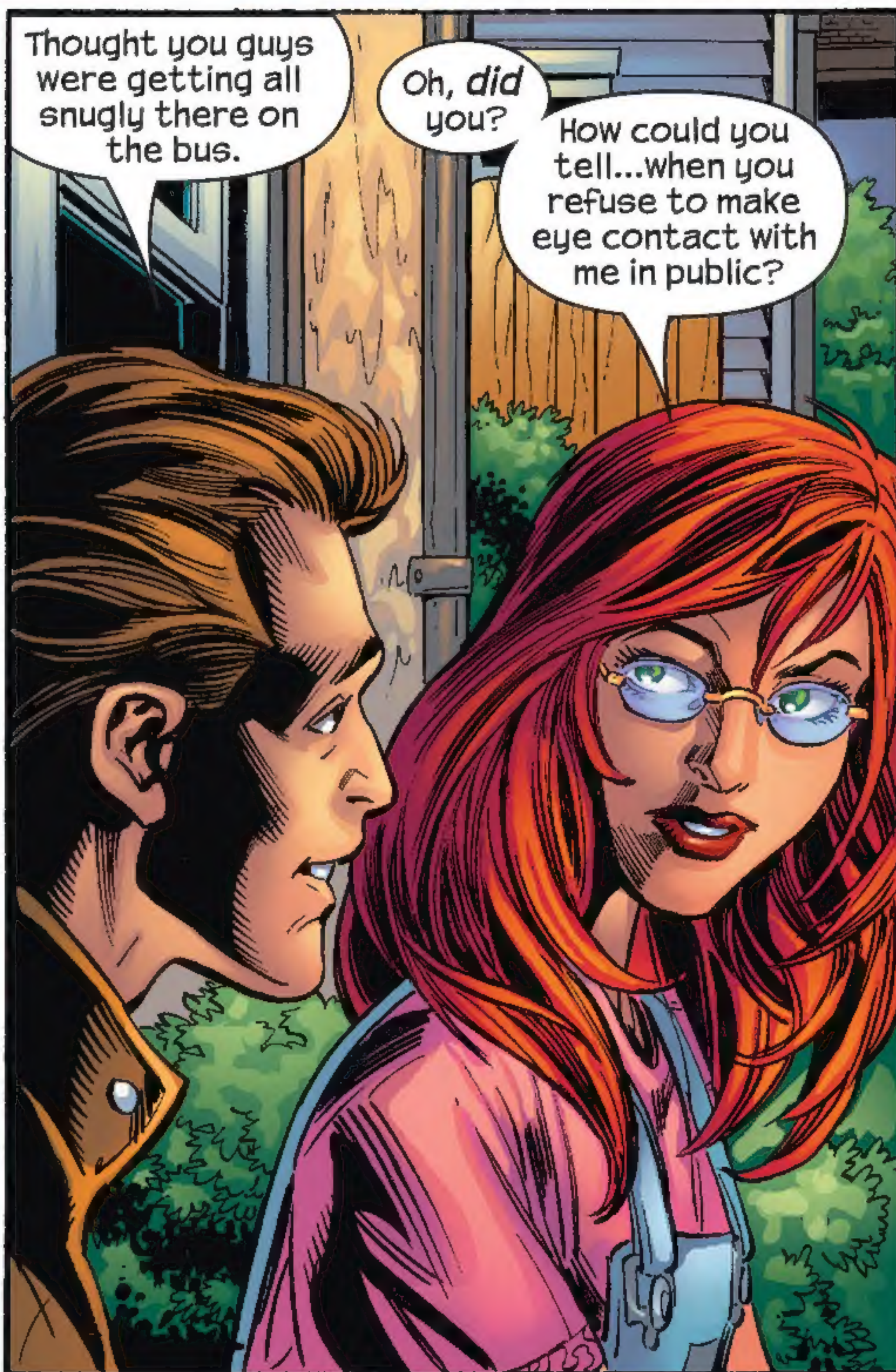
Why
would
I?



Isn't he your
boyfriend?



Stop it,
Harry.



Thought you guys
were getting all
snugly there on
the bus.

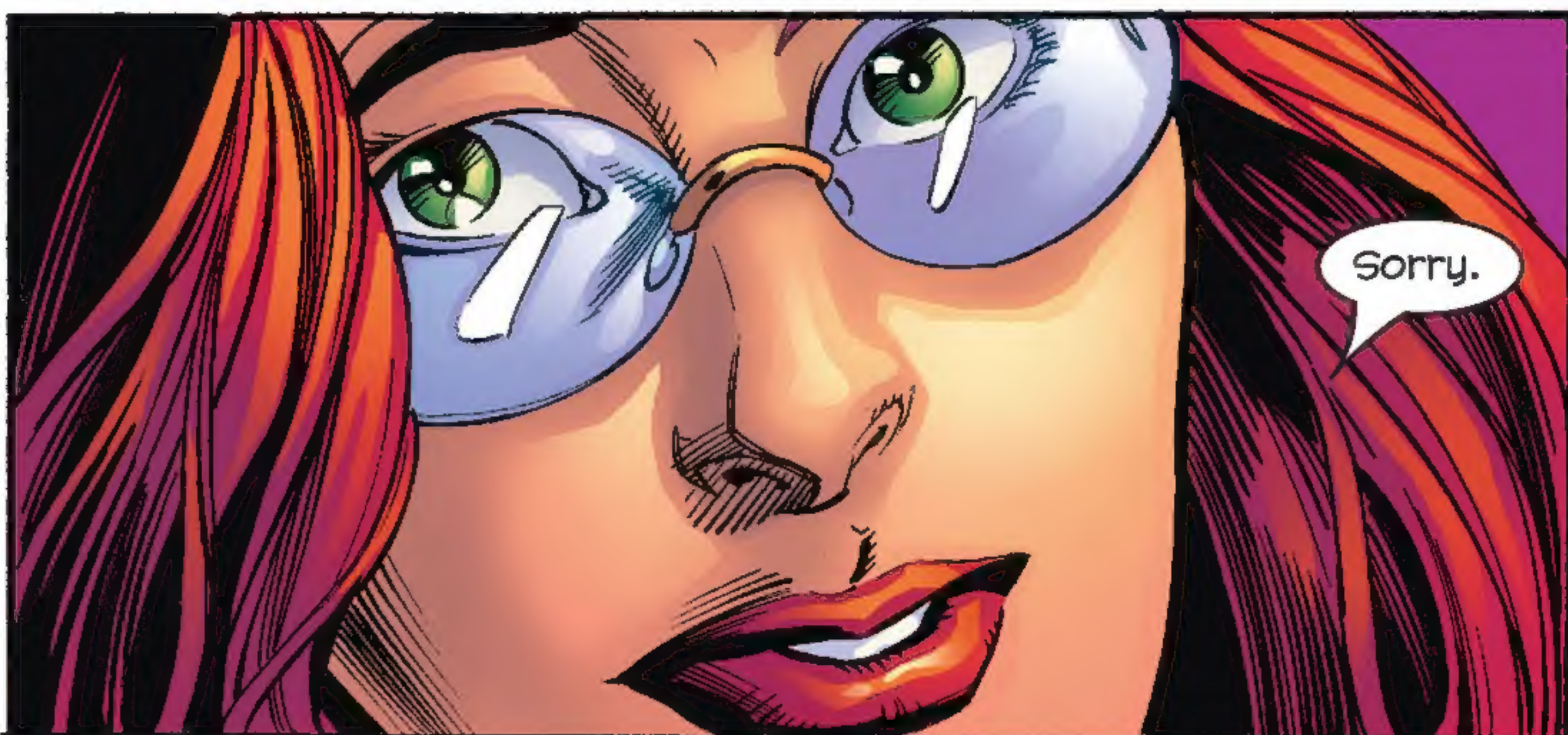
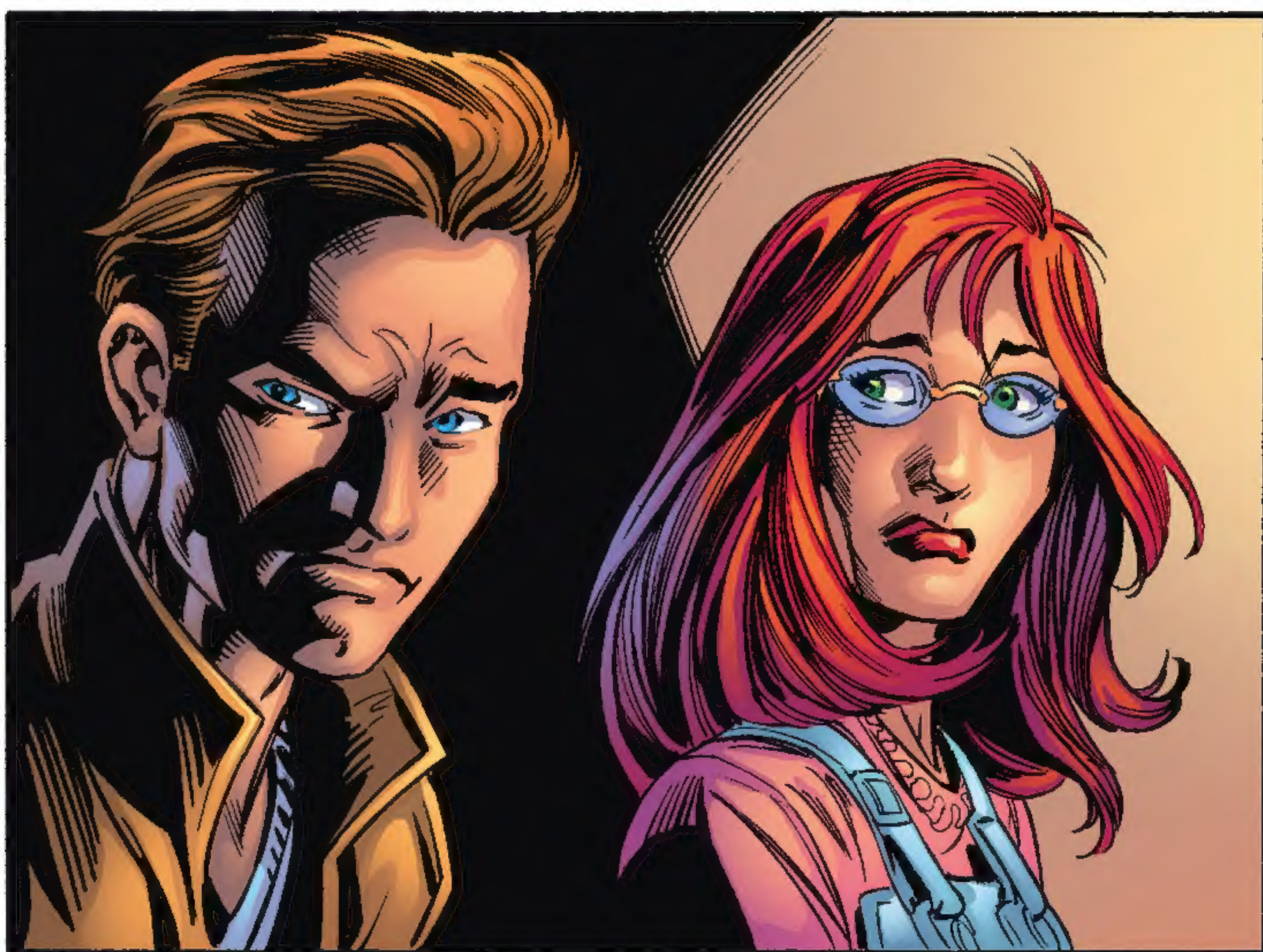
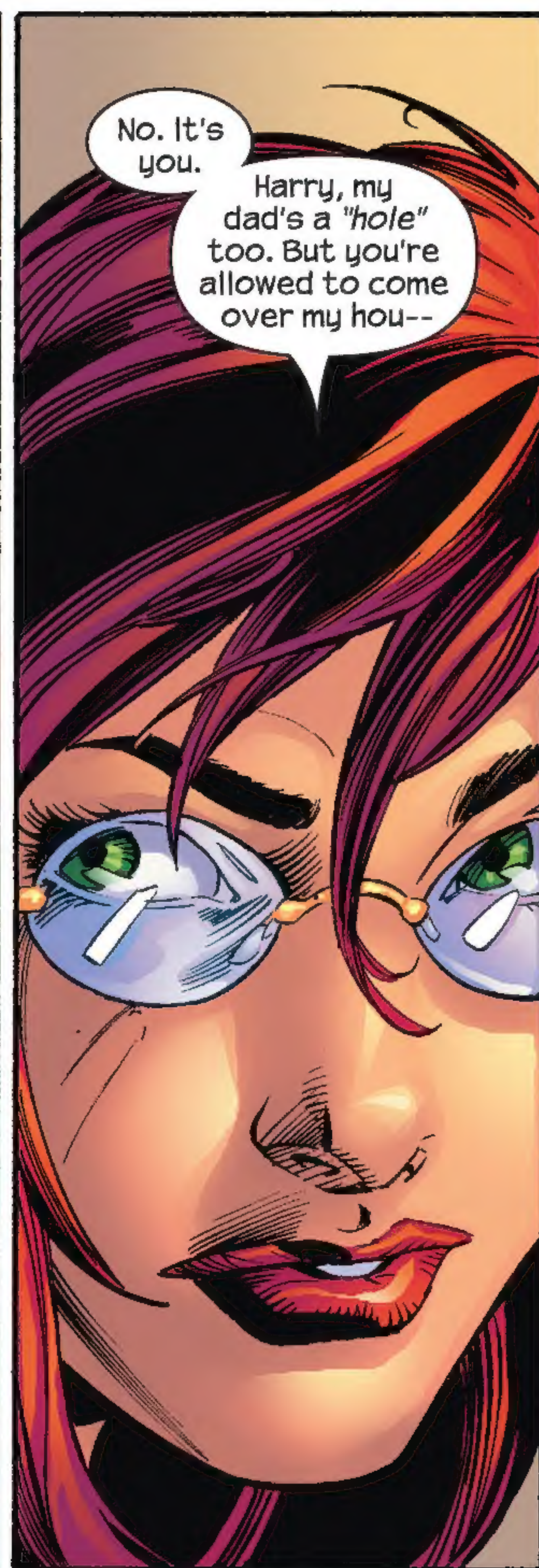
Oh, *did*
you?

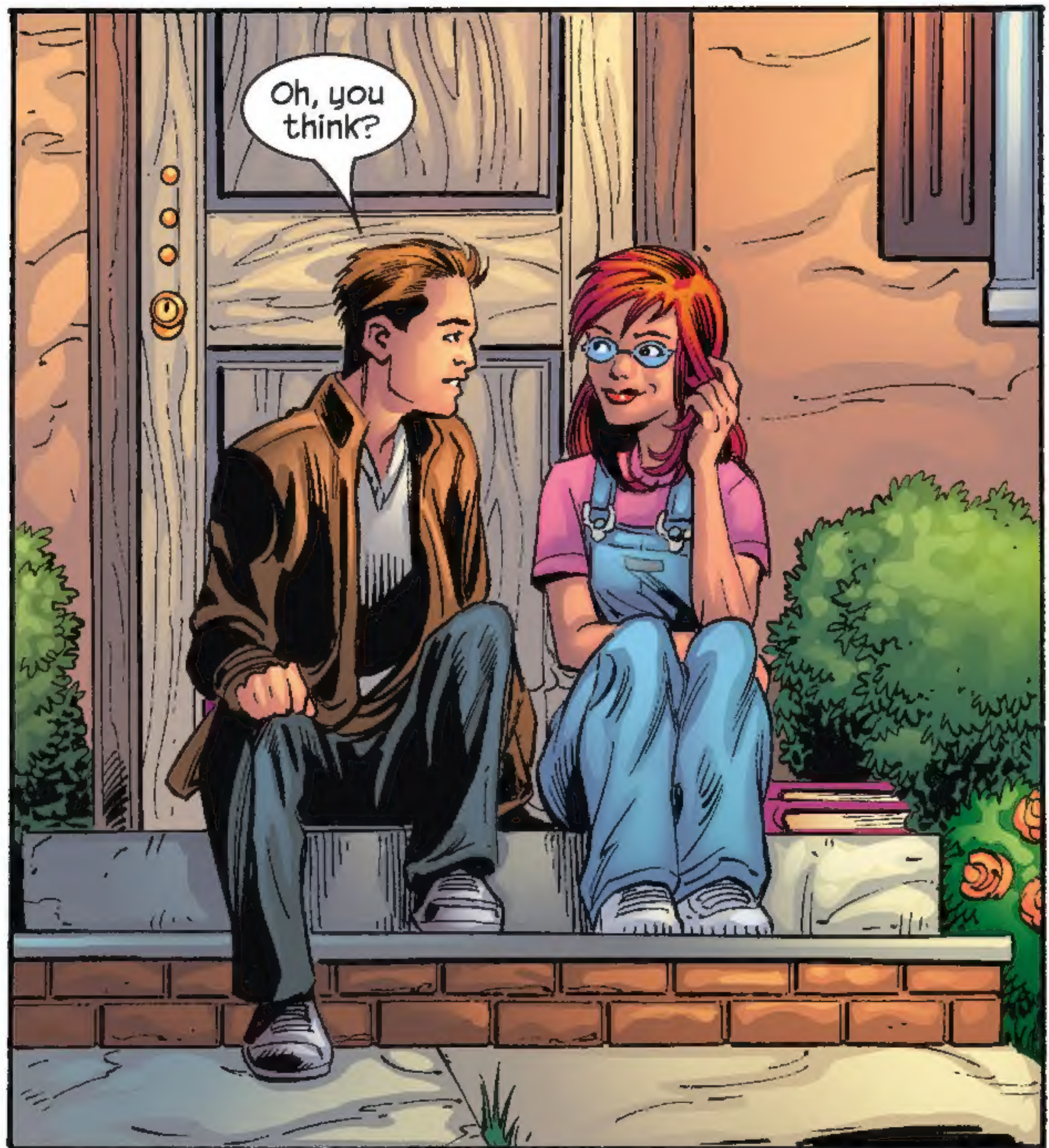
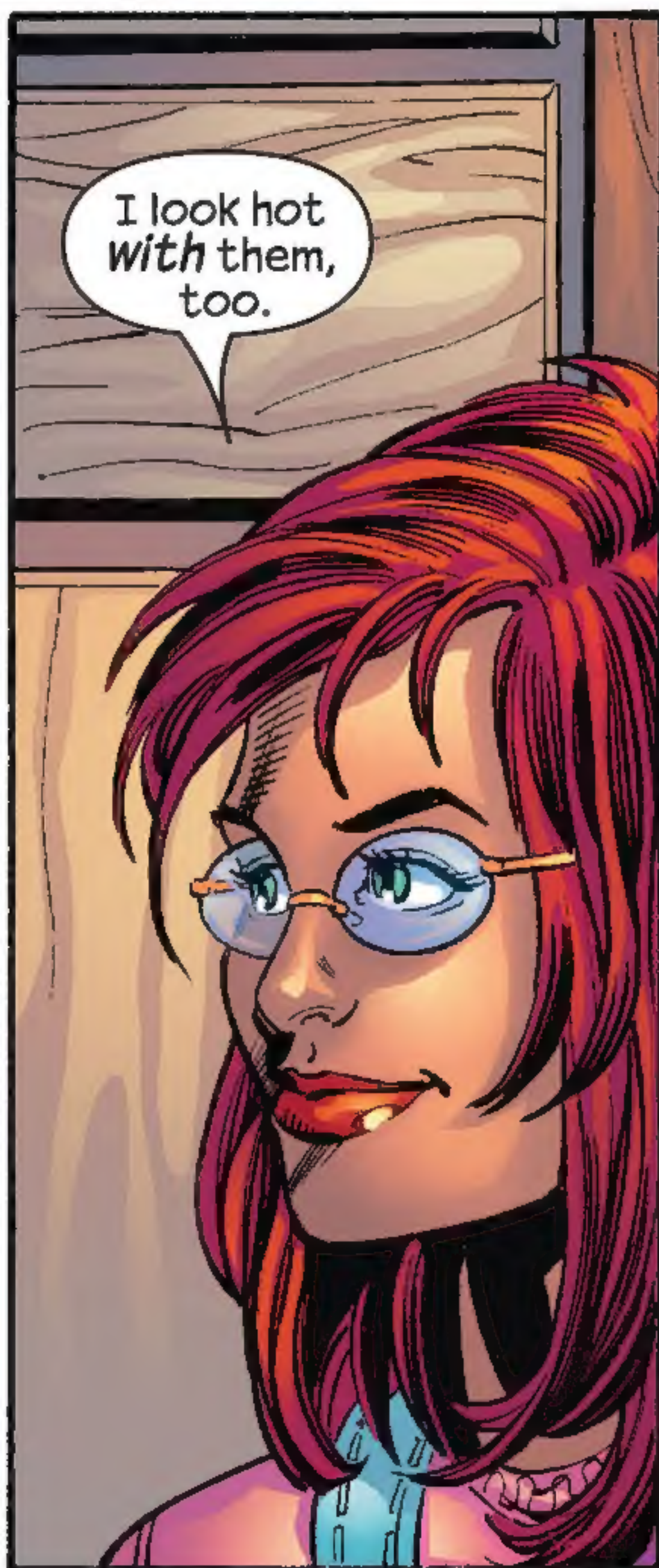
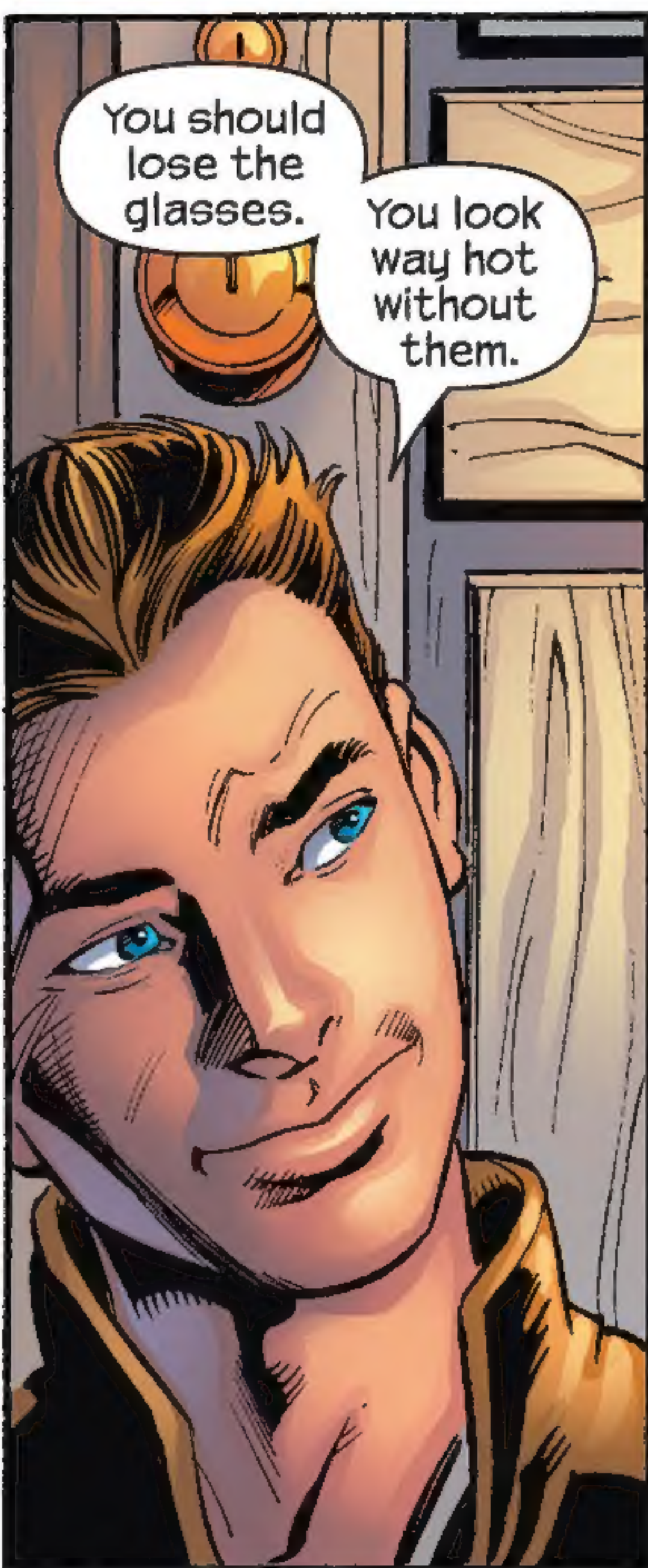
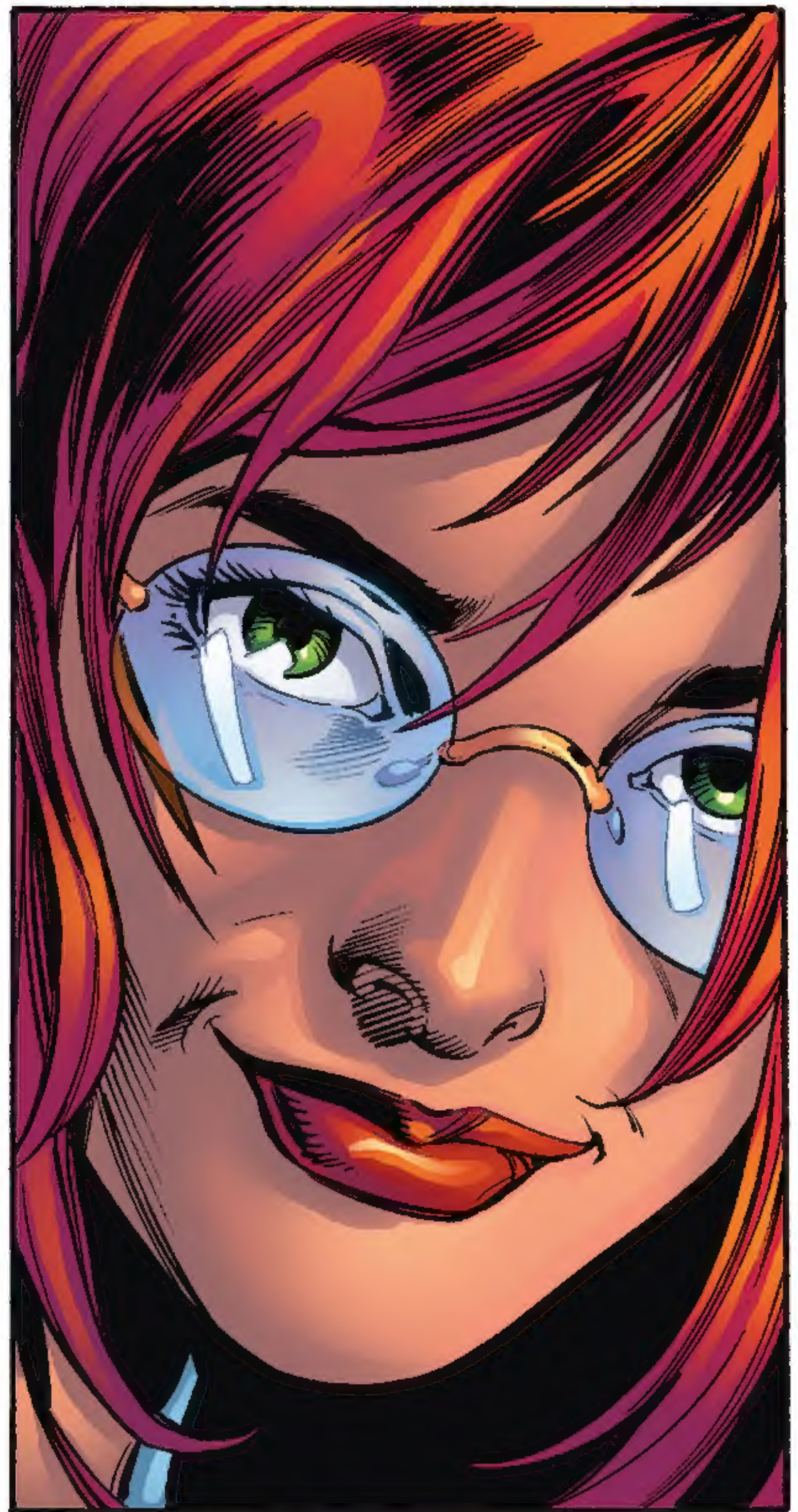
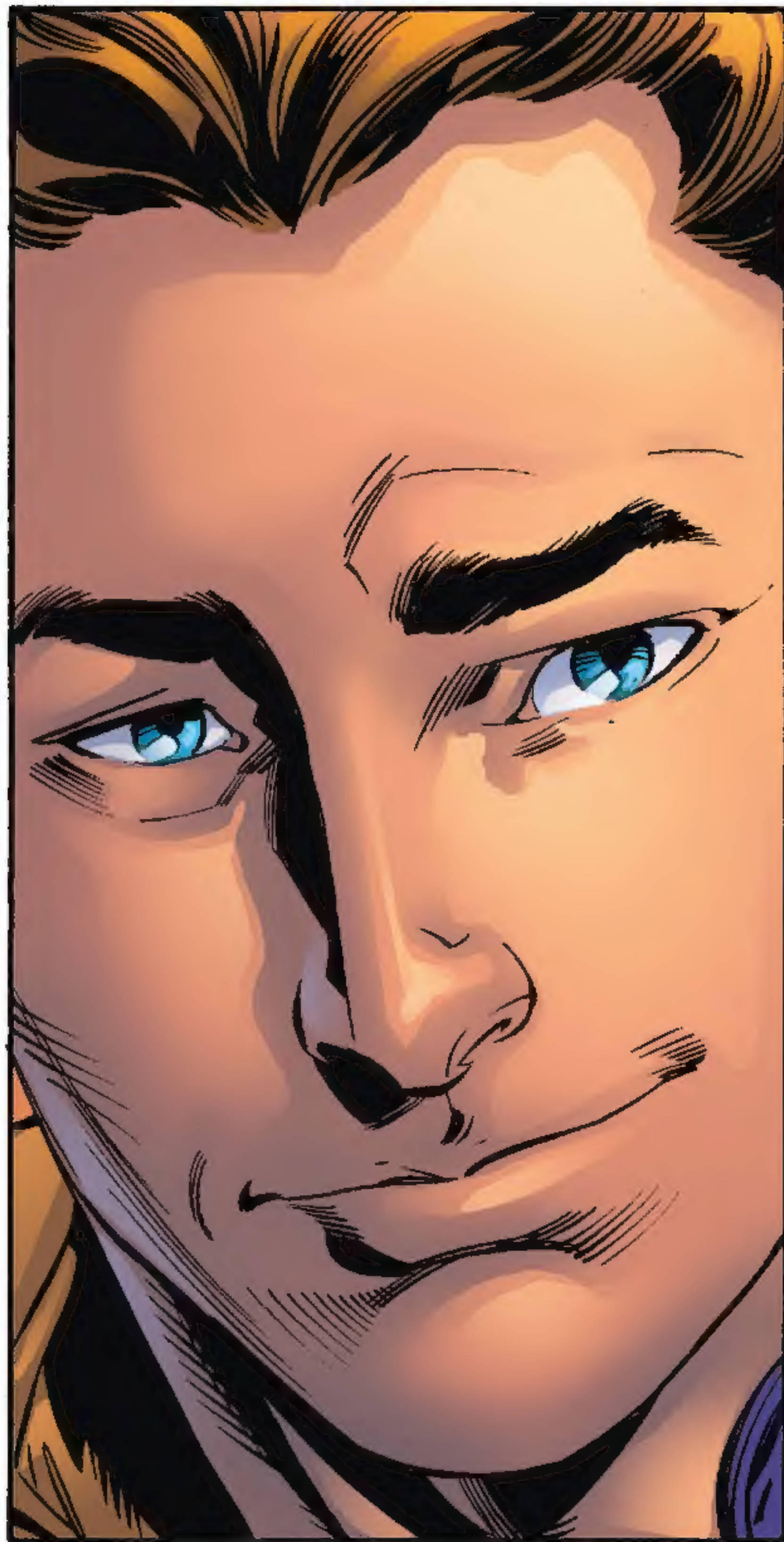
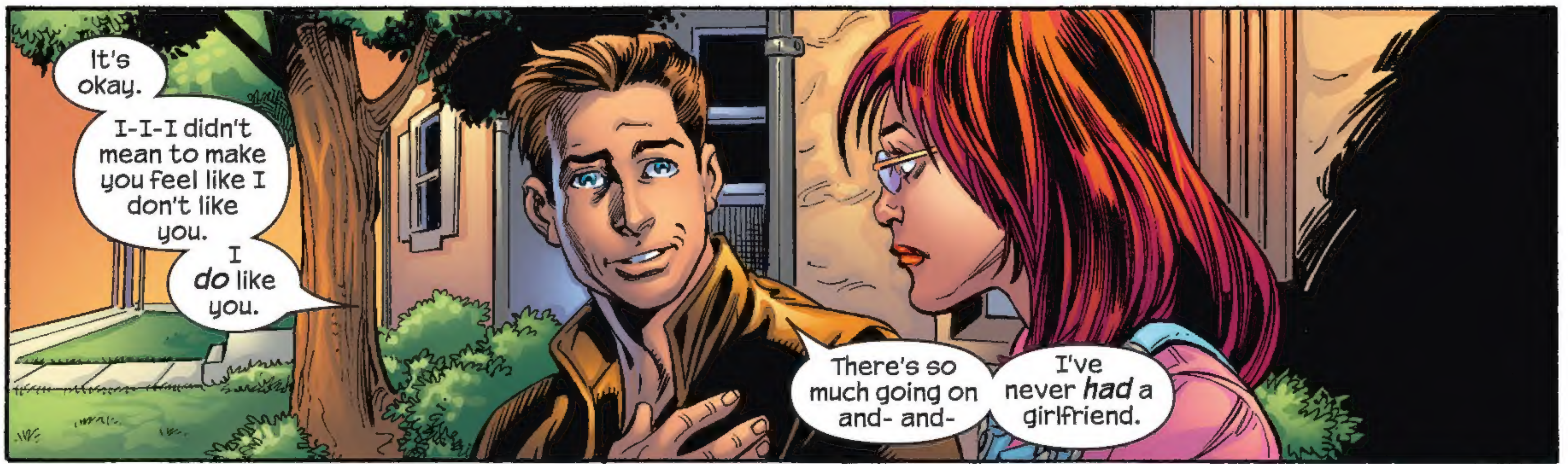
How could you
tell...when you
refuse to make
eye contact with
me in public?



That's what I
thought.

You *were*
trying to
make me
jealous.







Today

SHABLAMMO

Okay!! You people see *that*?!

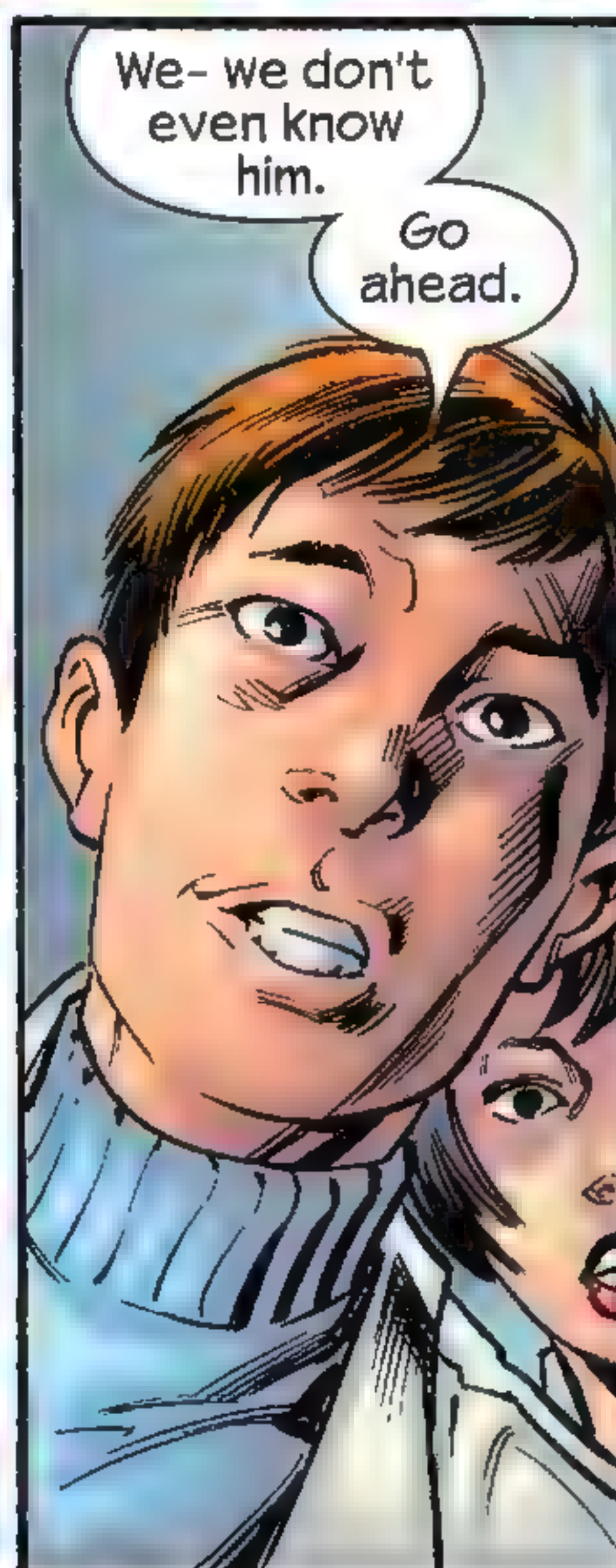
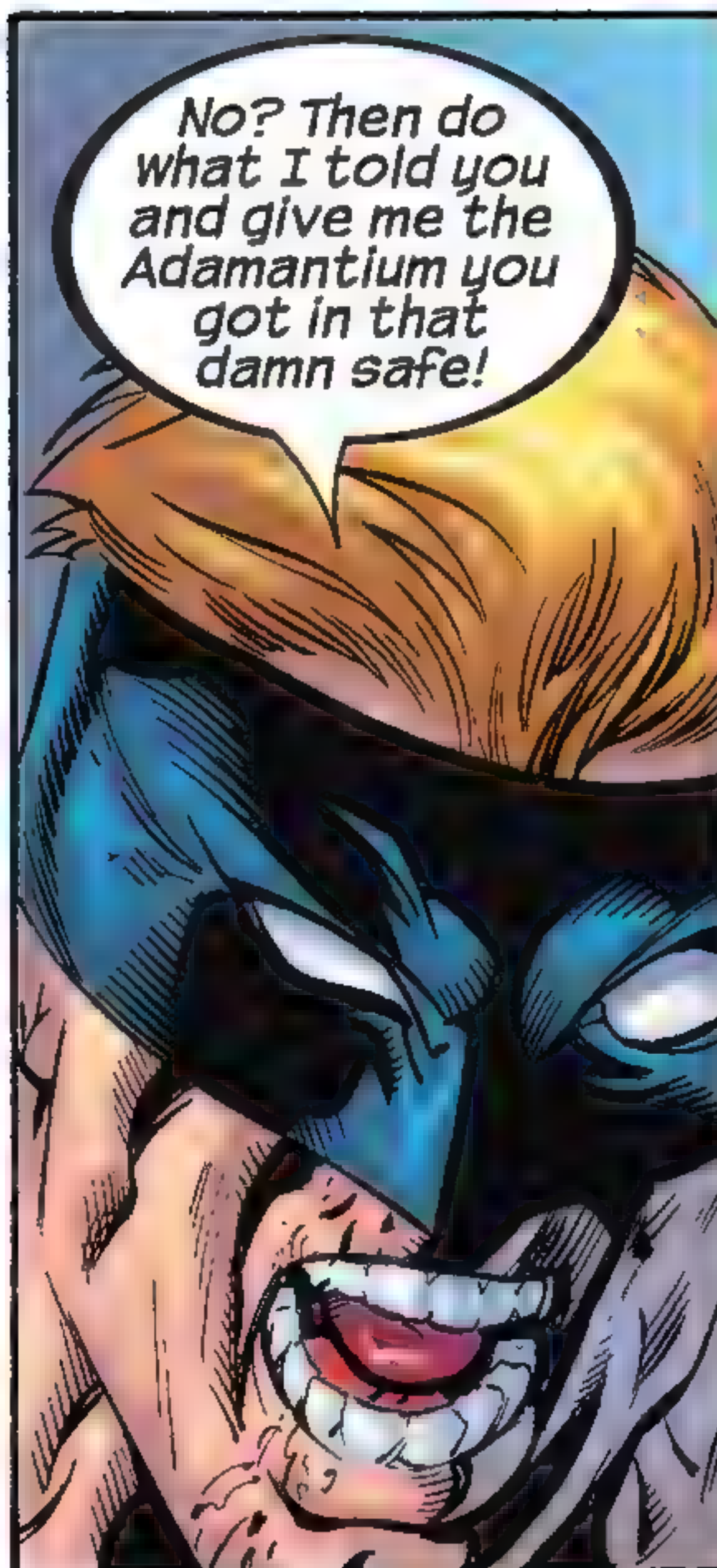
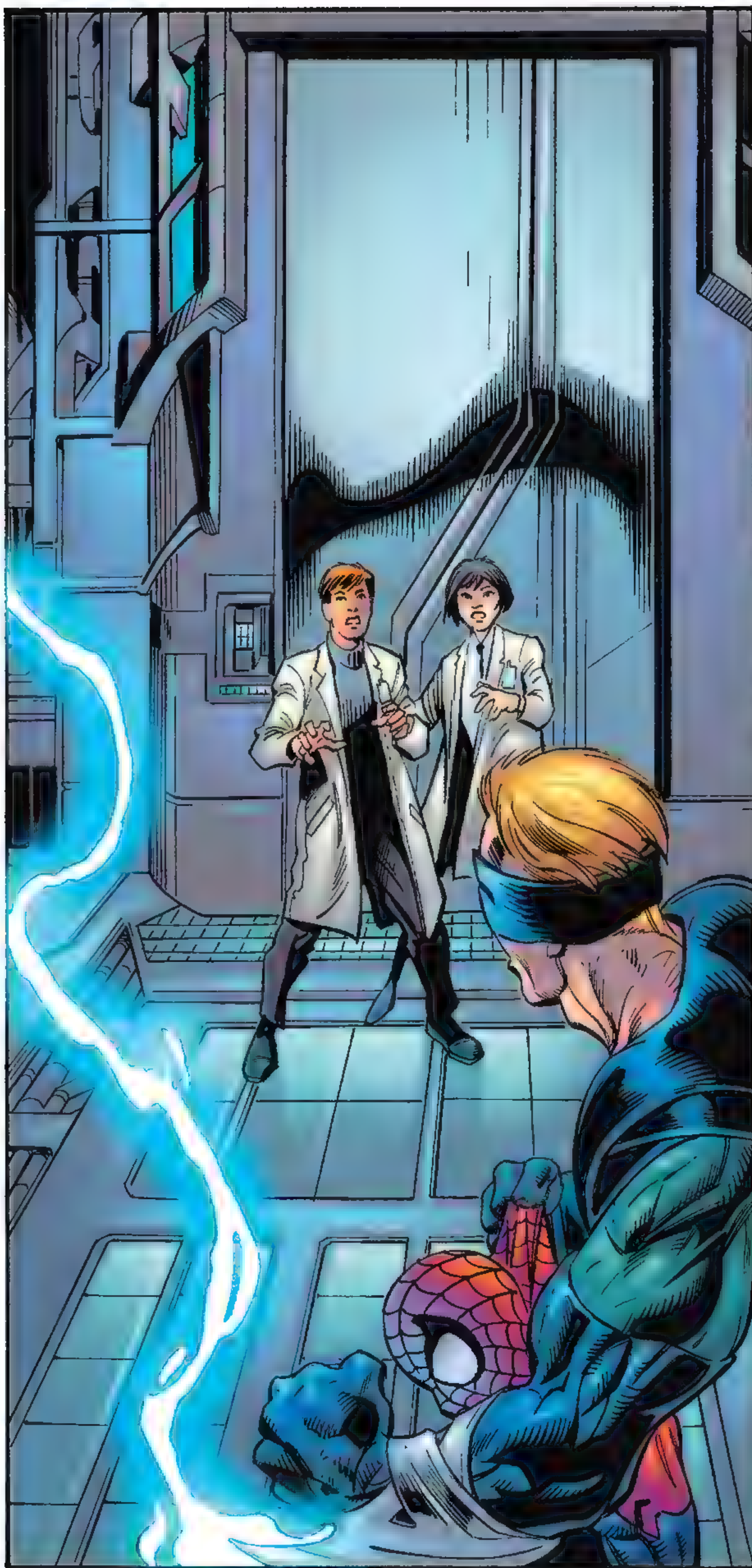
You see what I just did to *him*?

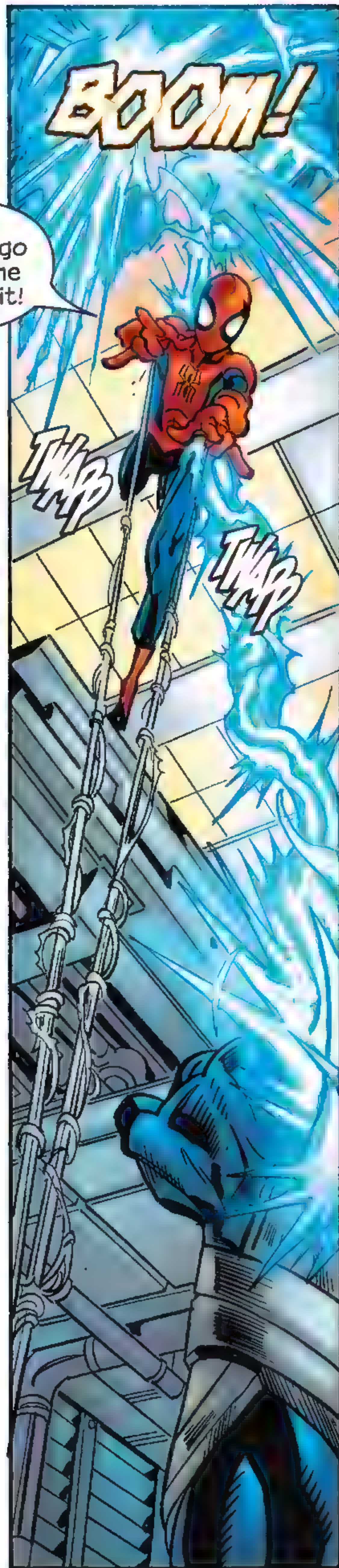
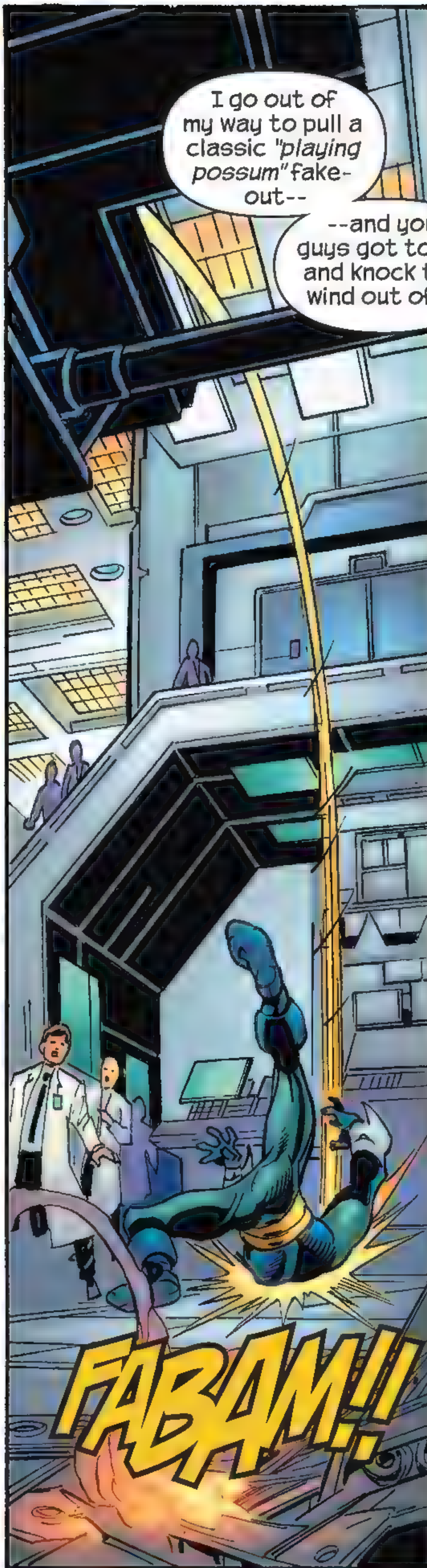
Huh!? Spider-Man!! Right here!! Who did that?

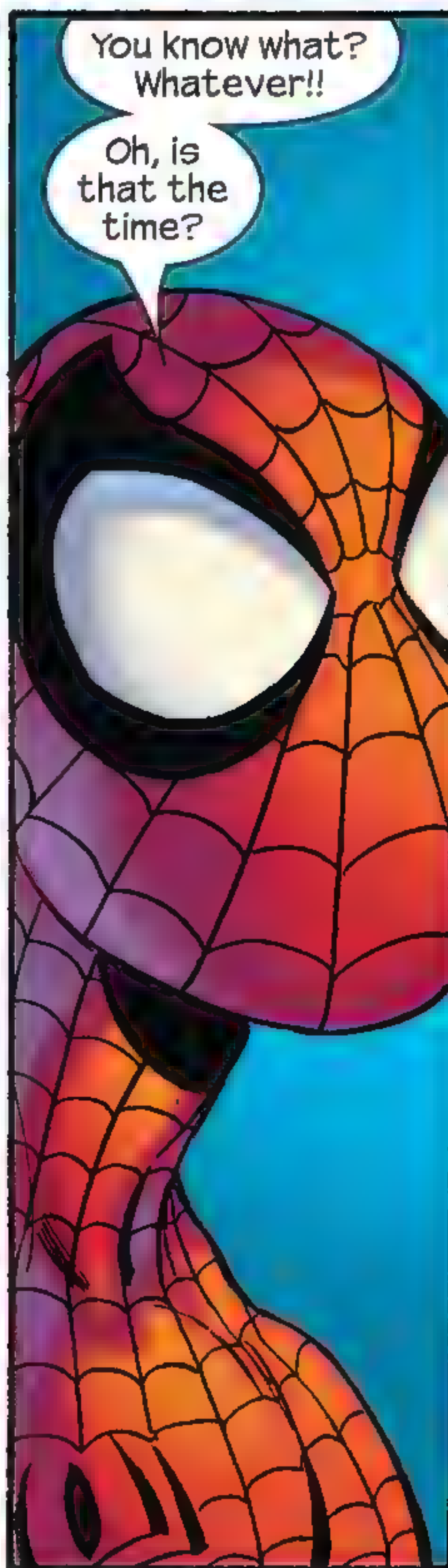
Me!!

Guy pops out of nowhere and gets in the middle of my #\$\$%^ and what happened to him!?

Anyone else in the room got any powers they want to throw down on me!?





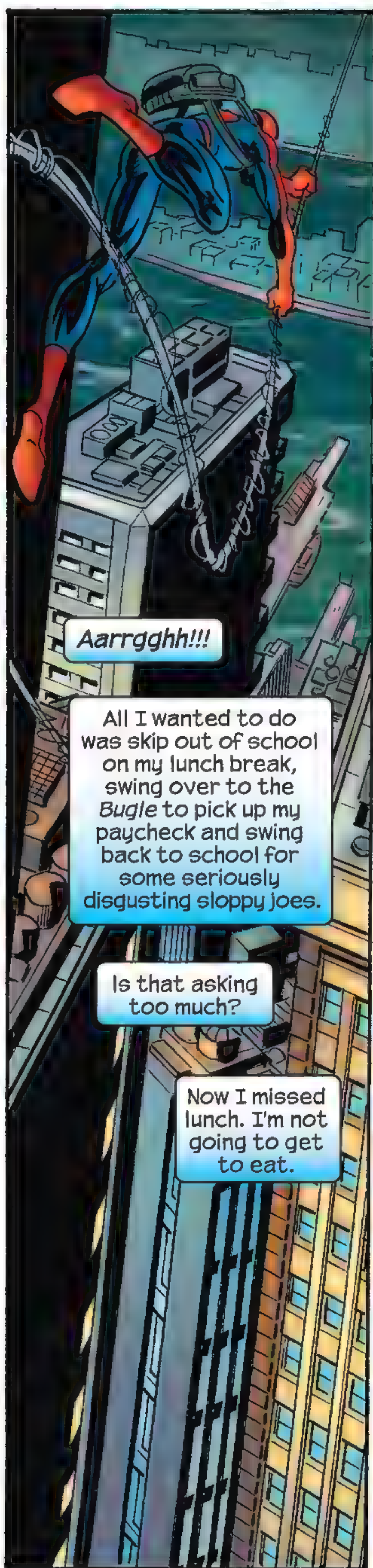




You know...

It's *that* kind of gratitude and enthusiasm from people whose lives I just saved...

...that makes it *totally* worth putting on my stinky costume and getting my brains bashed in by steroid-boy with a laser-tag fetish!!

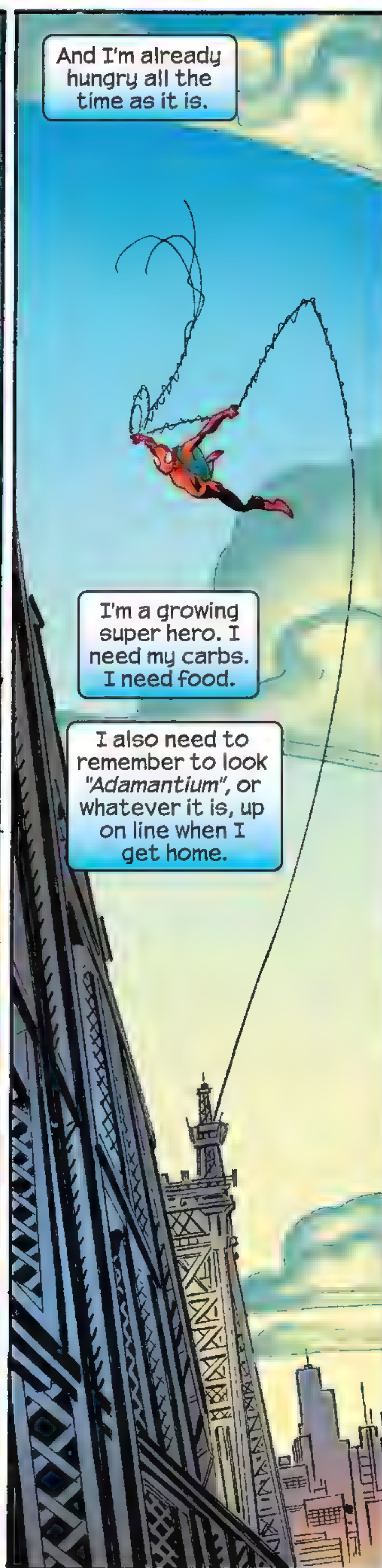


Aarrgghh!!!

All I wanted to do was skip out of school on my lunch break, swing over to the Bugle to pick up my paycheck and swing back to school for some seriously disgusting sloppy joes.

Is that asking too much?

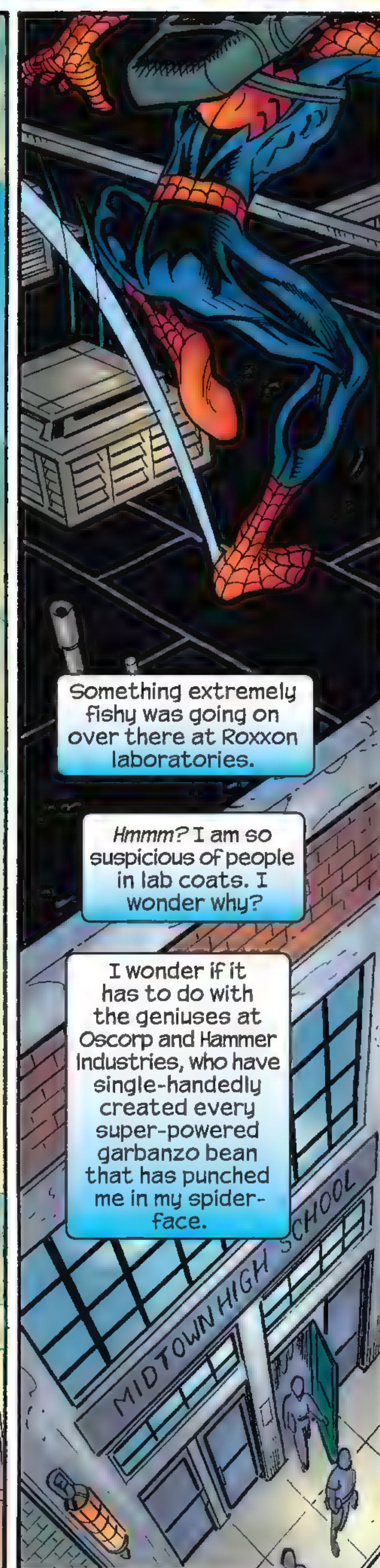
Now I missed lunch. I'm not going to get to eat.



And I'm already hungry all the time as it is.

I'm a growing super hero. I need my carbs. I need food.

I also need to remember to look "Adamantium", or whatever it is, up on line when I get home.



Something extremely fishy was going on over there at Roxxon laboratories.

Hmmm? I am so suspicious of people in lab coats. I wonder why?

I wonder if it has to do with the geniuses at Oscorp and Hammer Industries, who have single-handedly created every super-powered garbanzo bean that has punched me in my spider-face.



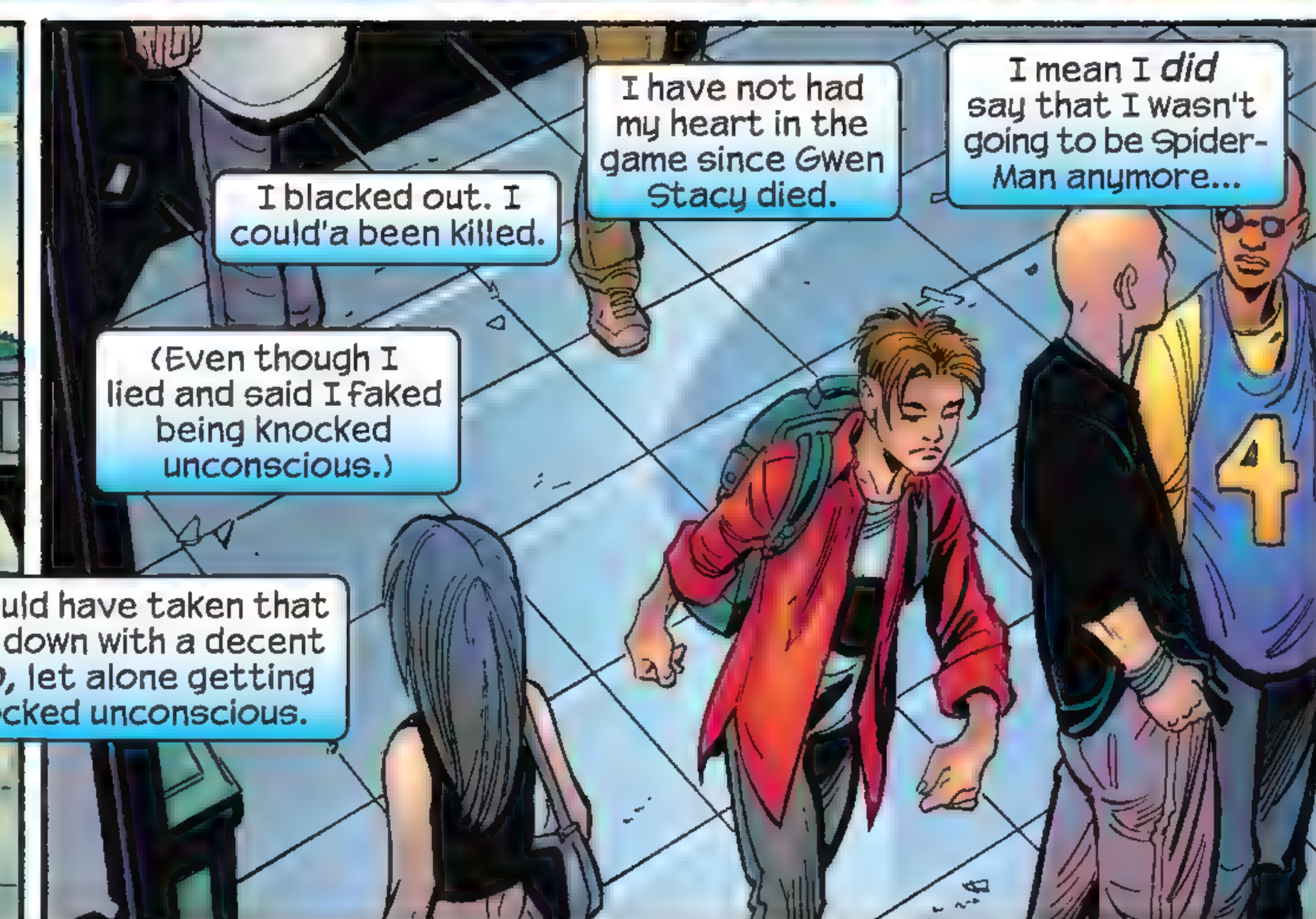
I wonder if *that's* it?

Why don't people in lab coats work on a nicer smelling toilet or something?

Why is *everyone* working on the next big super-villain?

Man, my heart was *not* in that fight.

I should have taken that yutz down with a decent quip, let alone getting knocked unconscious.

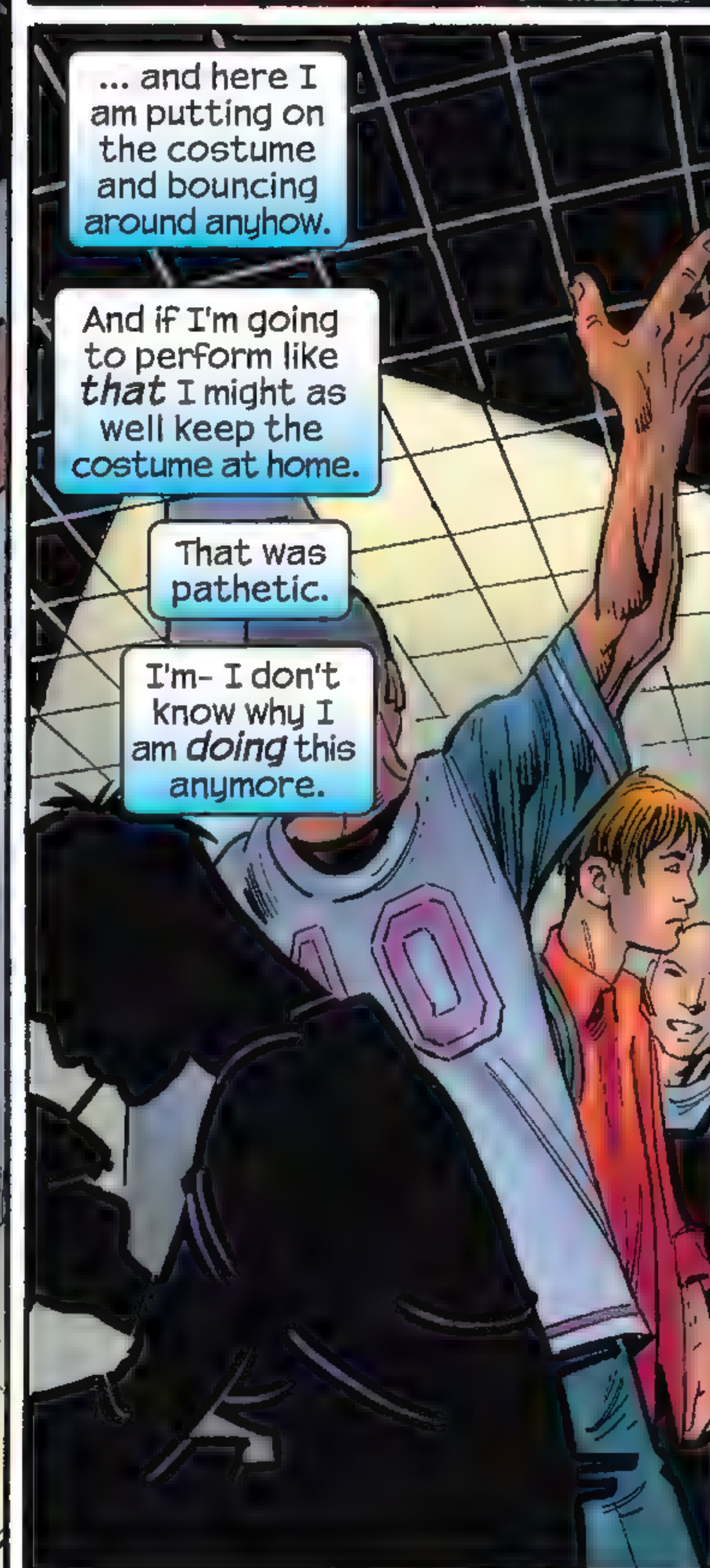


I blacked out. I could'a been killed.

I have not had my heart in the game since Gwen Stacy died.

I mean I *did* say that I wasn't going to be Spider-Man anymore...

(Even though I lied and said I faked being knocked unconscious.)

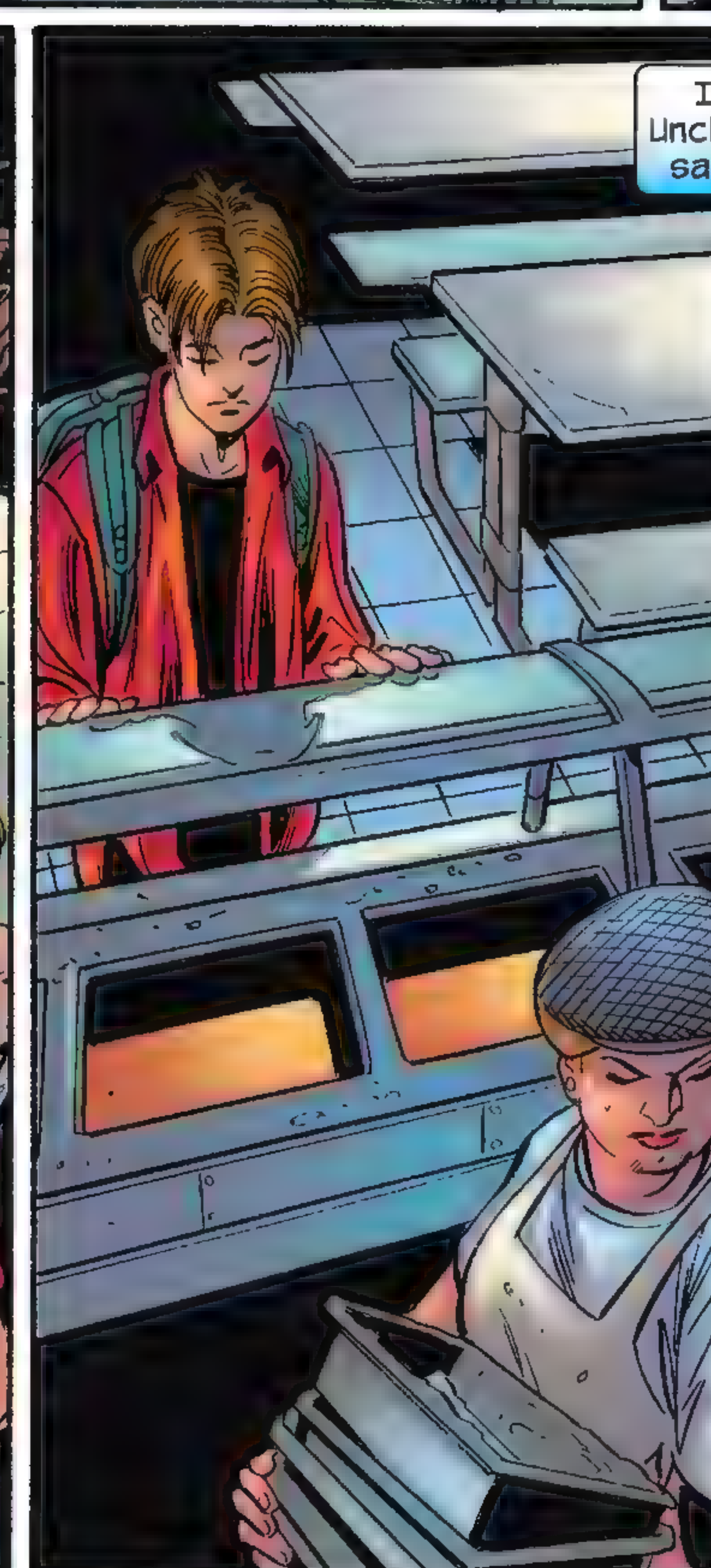


... and here I am putting on the costume and bouncing around anyhow.

And if I'm going to perform like *that* I might as well keep the costume at home.

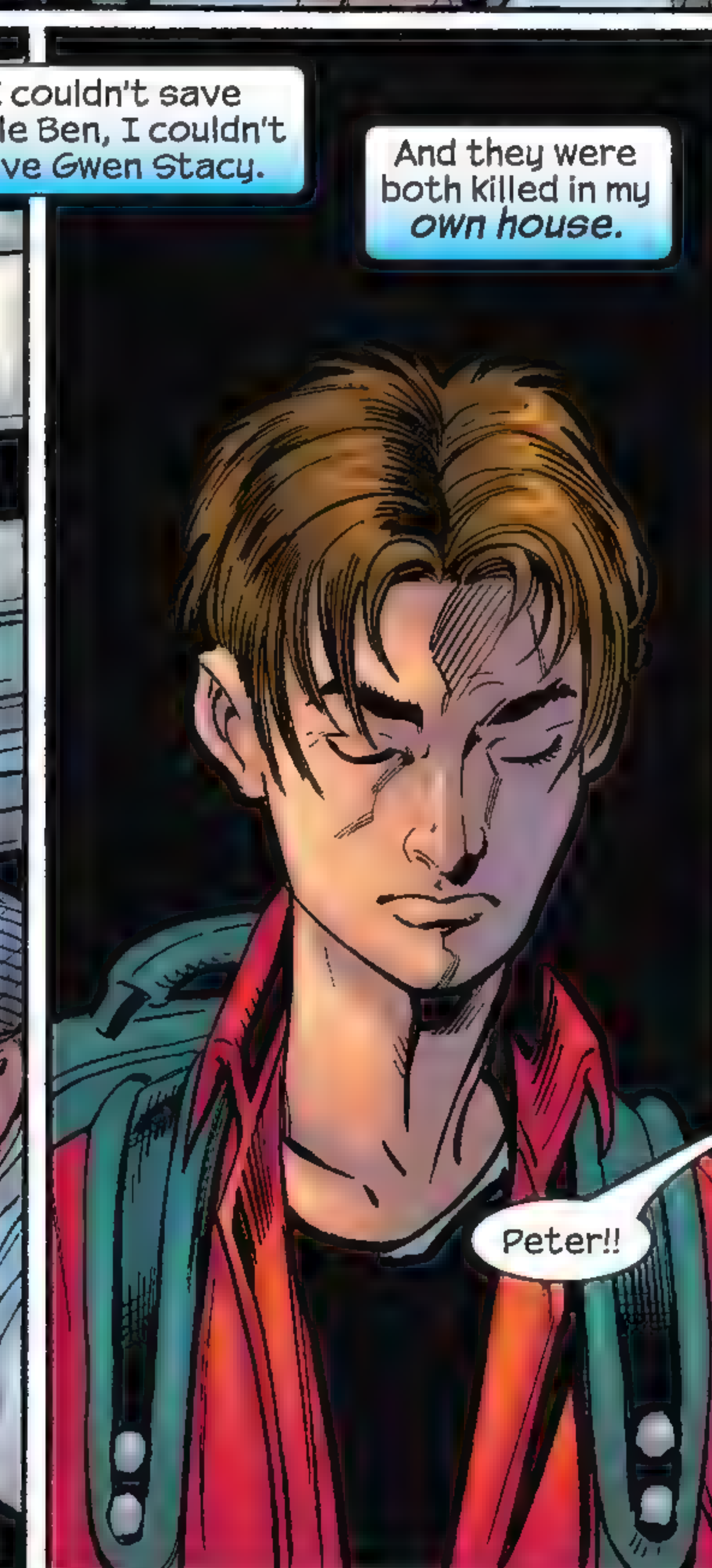
That was pathetic.

I'm- I don't know why I am *doing* this anymore.

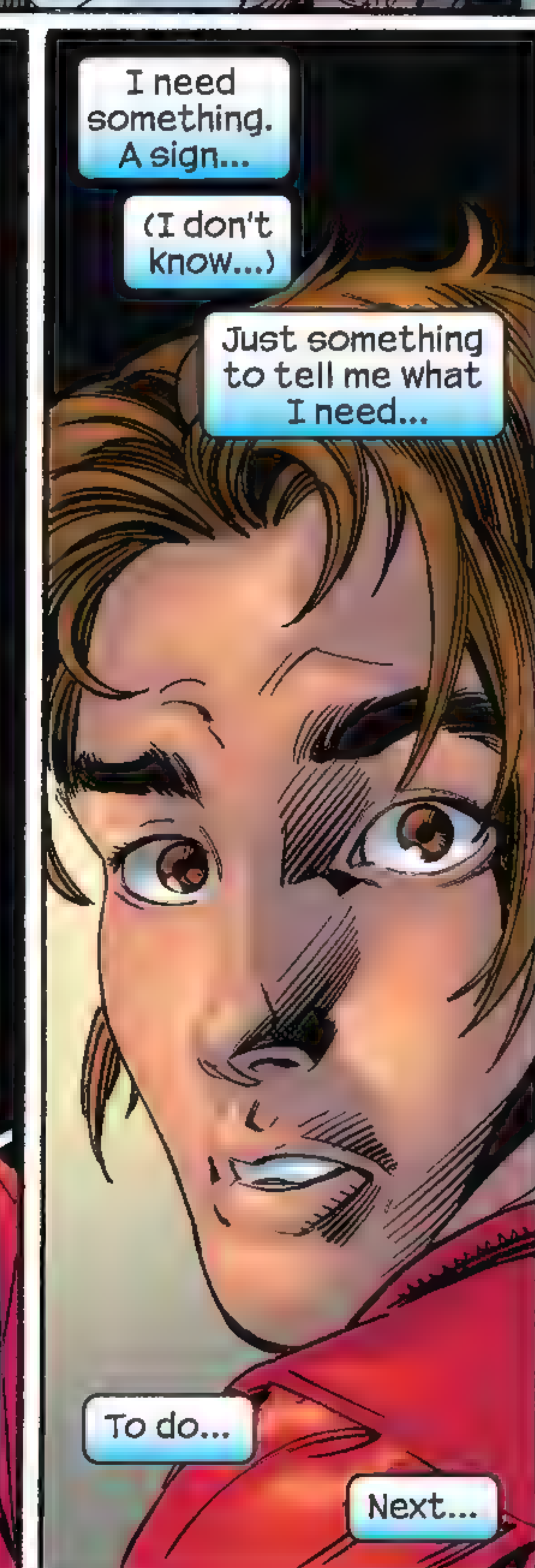


I couldn't save Uncle Ben, I couldn't save Gwen Stacy.

And they were both killed in my *own* house.



Peter!!



I need something. A sign...

(I don't know...)

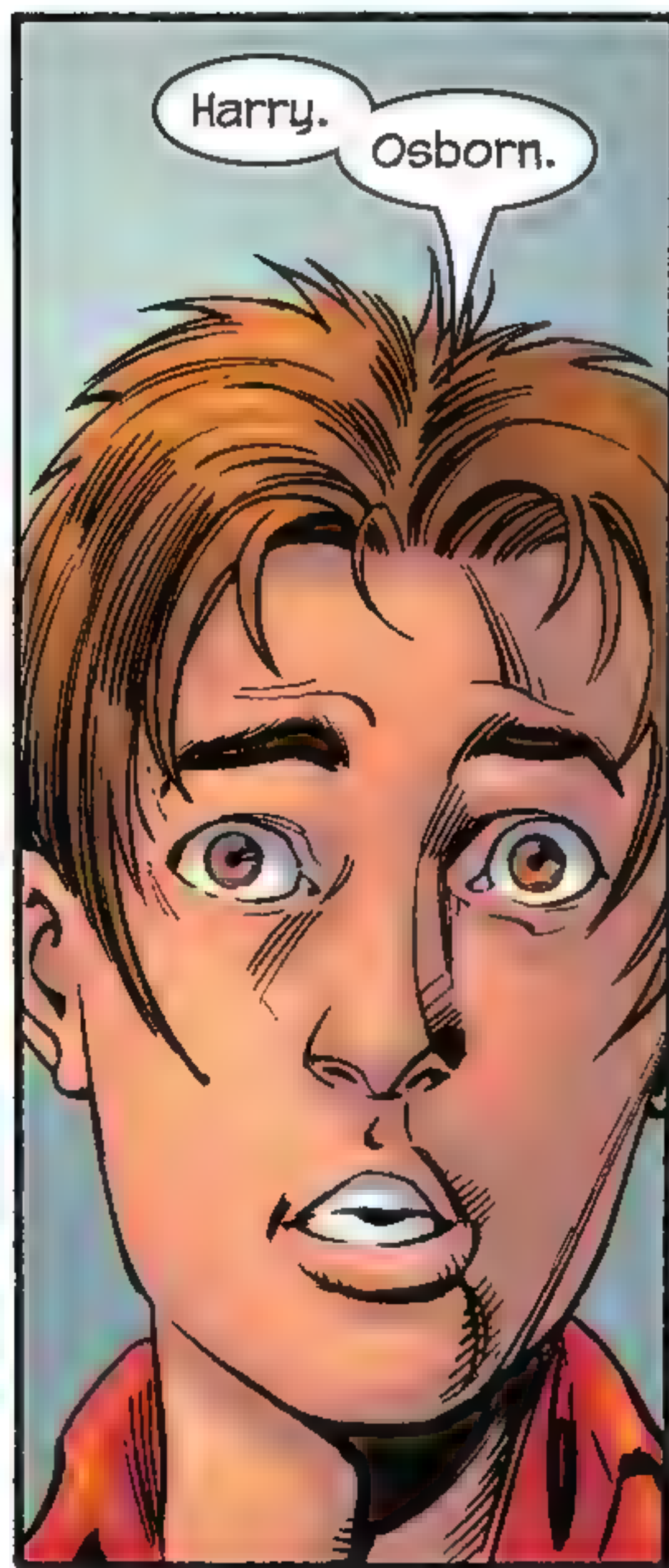
Just something to tell me what I need...

To do...

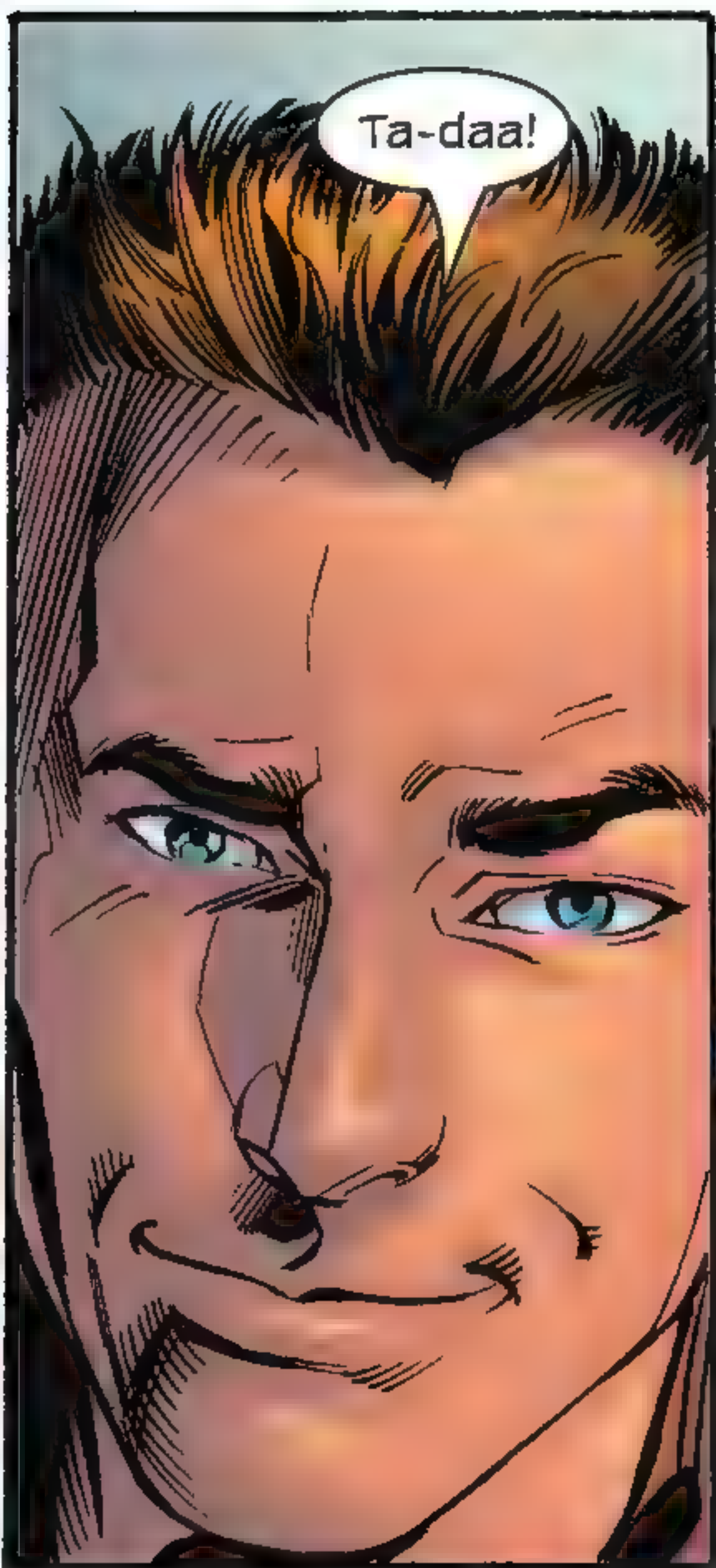
Next...



Look who's here.



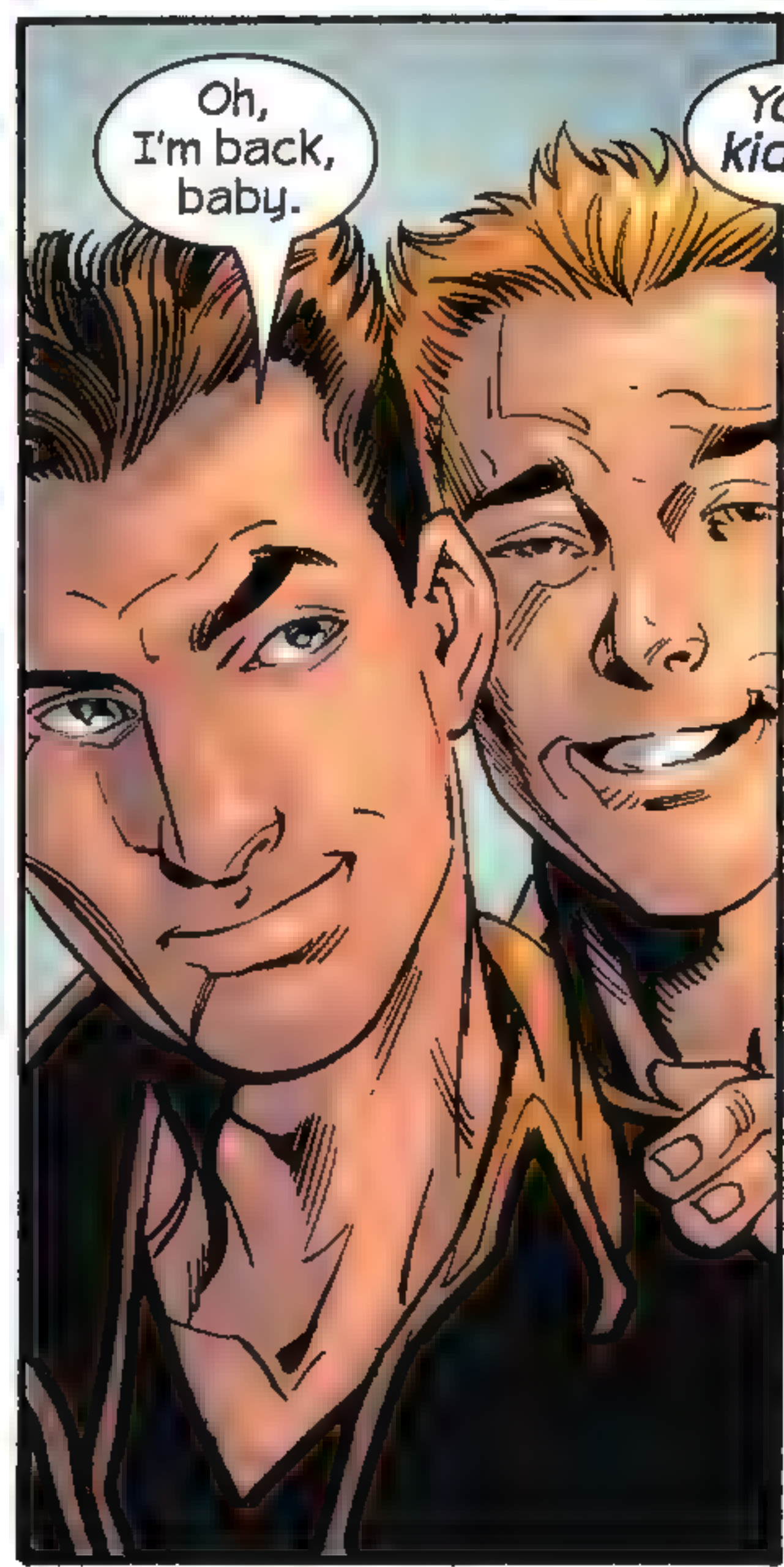
Harry. Osborn.



Ta-daa!



Are-are you visiting?
Or are you back?



Oh, I'm back, baby.



You kids... This ain't no nightclub.
Lunch is over!!



Wait...
what did he
say?

CAFETERIA



About
what?
About
anything.
Nothing.

He- he walked in two
minutes before you did
and said, "I'm back."

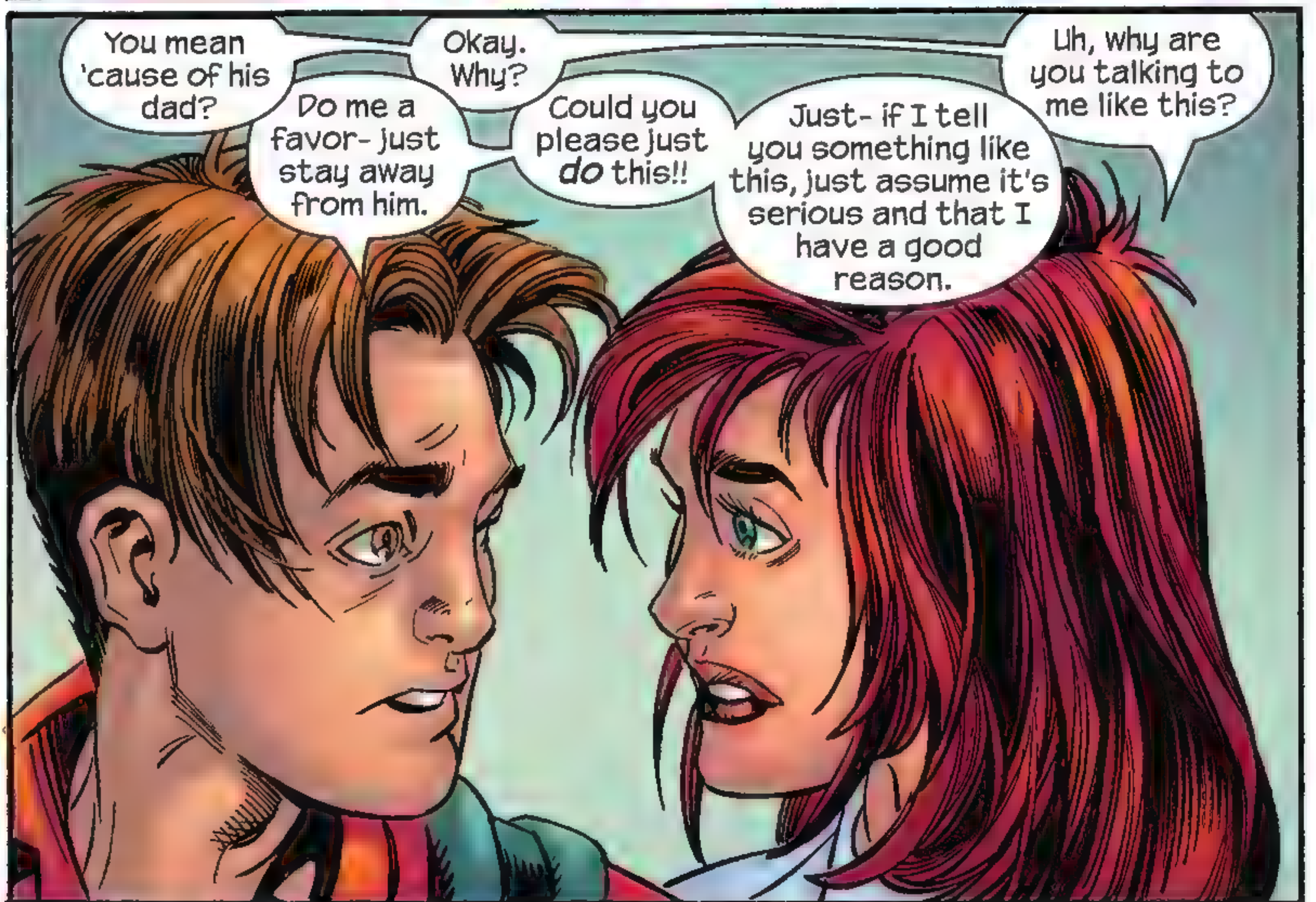
They were all high-
fiving each other, then *you*
walked in, why?



Sss.
This isn't
good.

Why? It's
Harry.

He seems
okay.



You mean
'cause of his
dad?

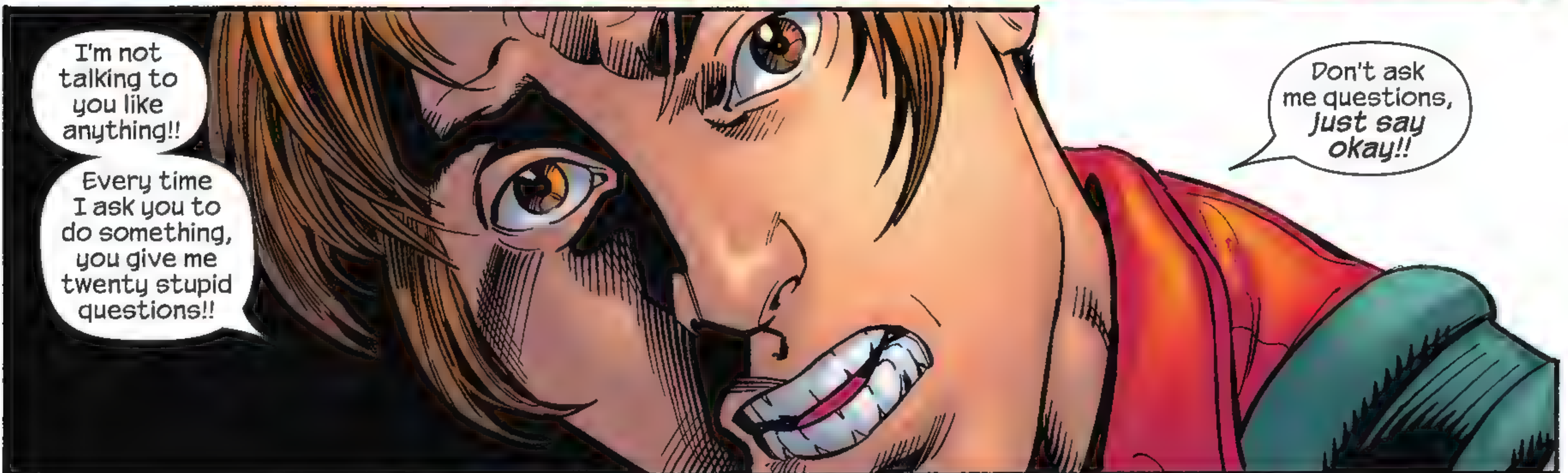
Okay.
Why?

Do me a
favor- just
stay away
from him.

Could you
please just
do this!!

Just- if I tell
you something like
this, just assume it's
serious and that I
have a good
reason.

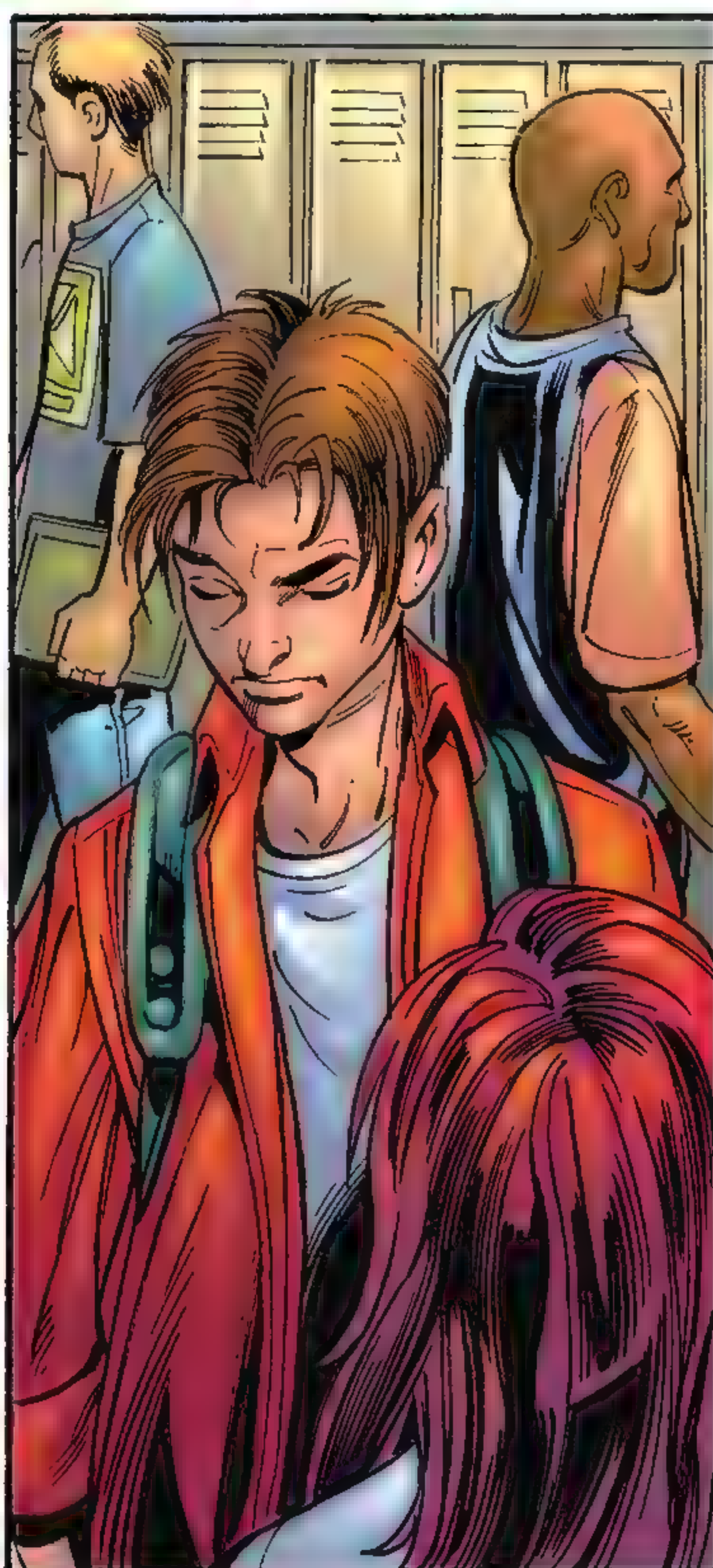
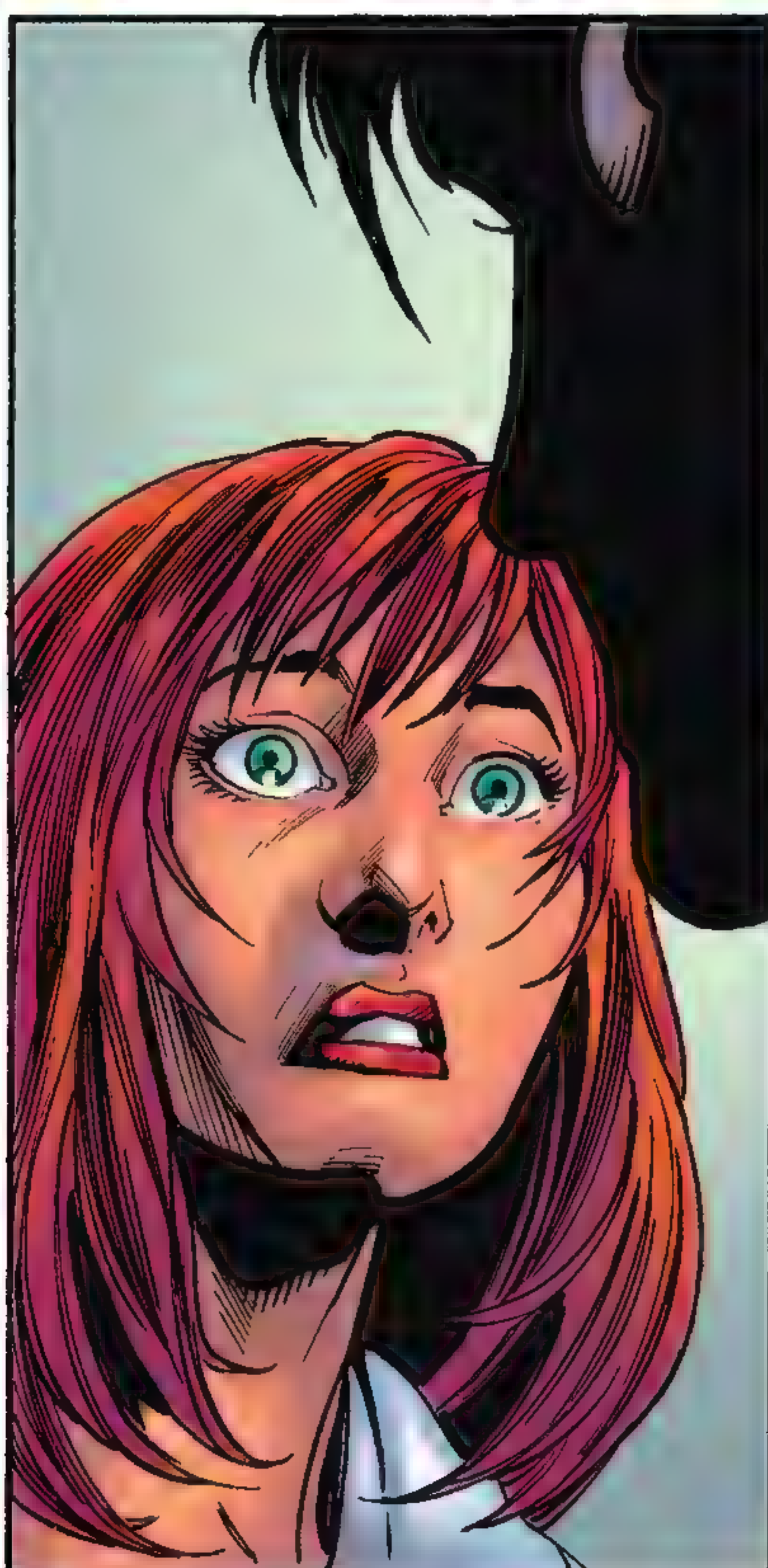
Uh, why are
you talking to
me like this?

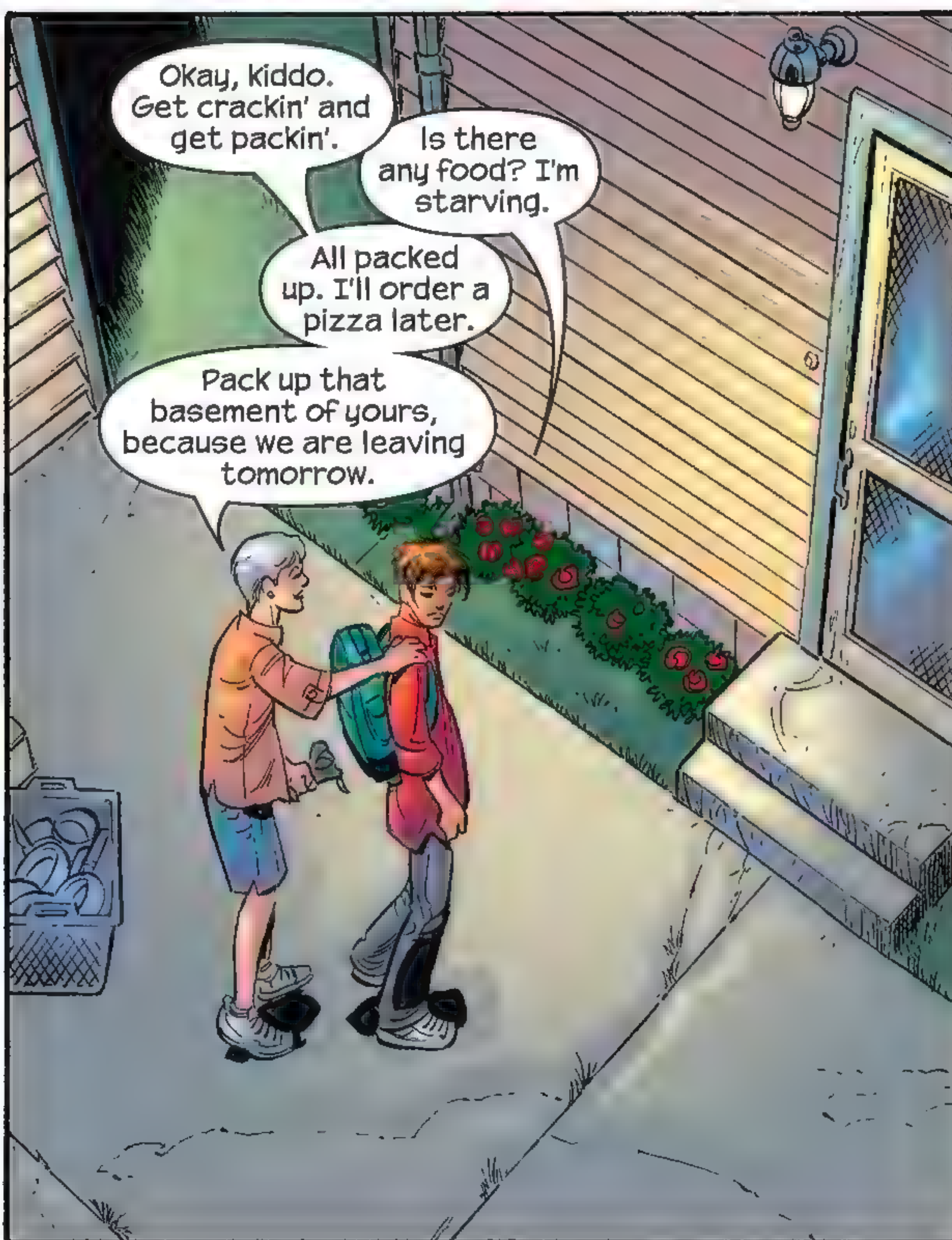
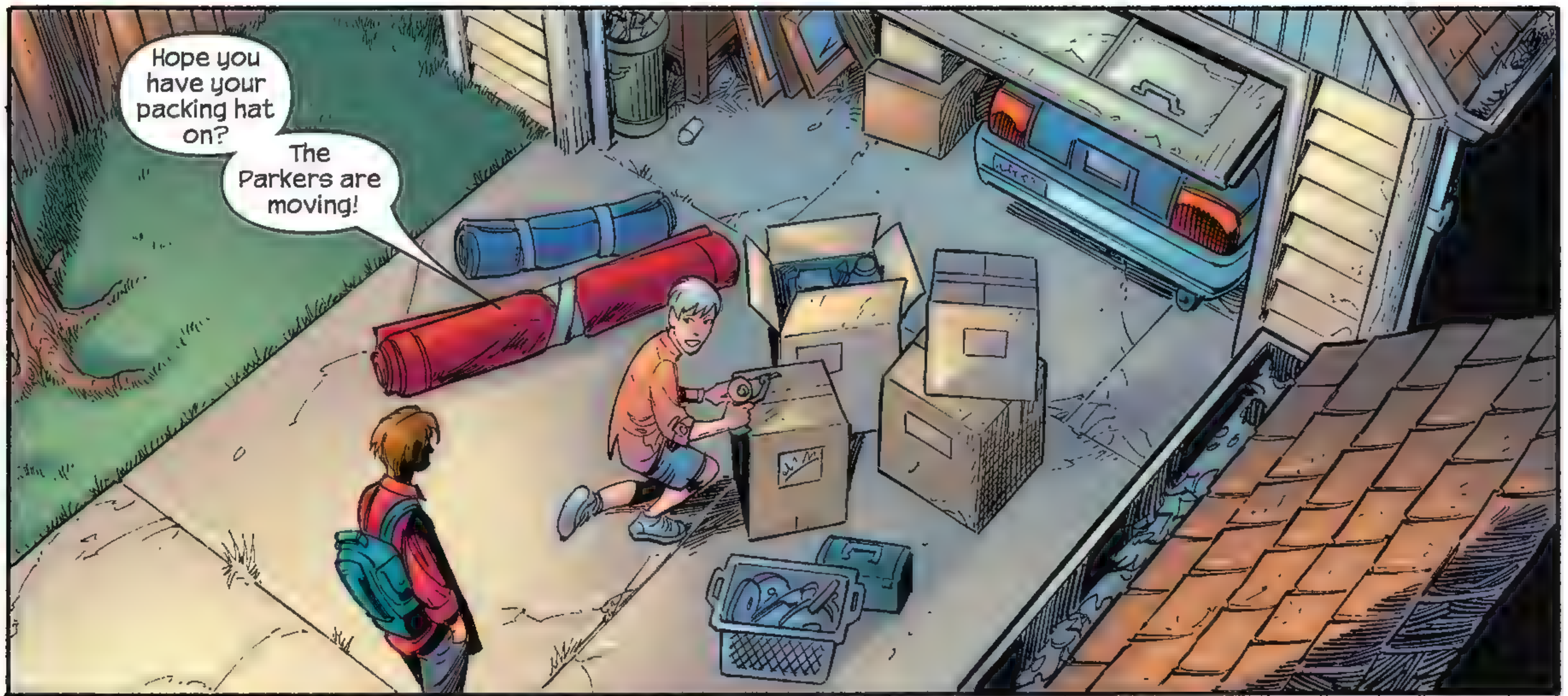


I'm not
talking to
you like
anything!!

Every time
I ask you to
do something,
you give me
twenty stupid
questions!!

Don't ask
me questions,
*just say
okay!!*



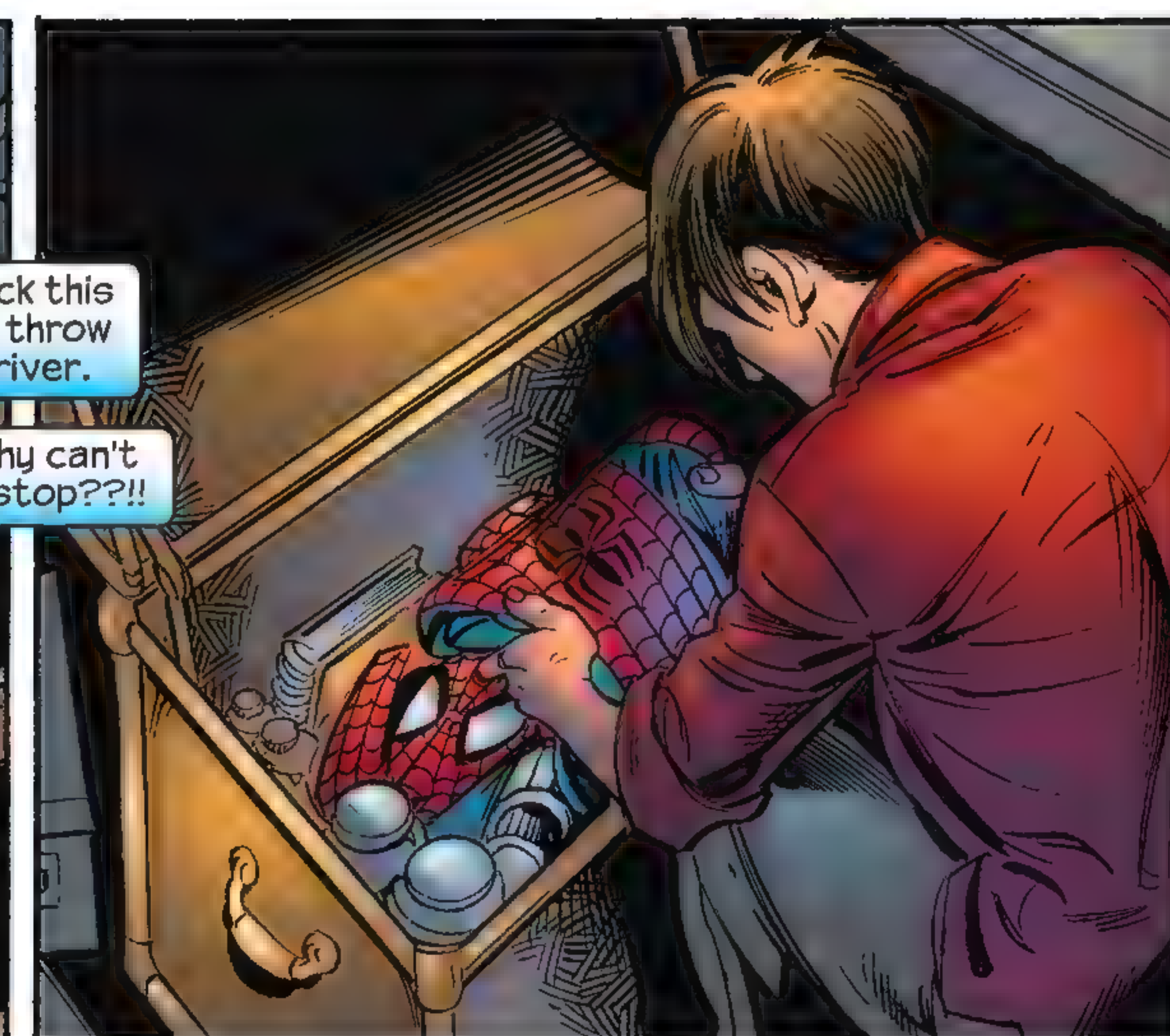




If I had any kind of normal brain...

I would lock this trunk and throw it in the river.

Why can't I stop??!!



And now Harry Osborn has mysteriously come back from wherever *he* was.

He knows I'm Spider-Man.

He knows his dad was a big green goblin.



He knows all of it...

And the last time I saw him the only thing he said to me was...

"I'll kill you all."

This is what he said to me after his father, juiced up as the Goblin, escapes from prison and tries to kill the President...



He says, "I'll kill you all."

Does he even *remember* any of it? I mean, today he looks so...normal.

Where's he *been*? Can I *trust* him?

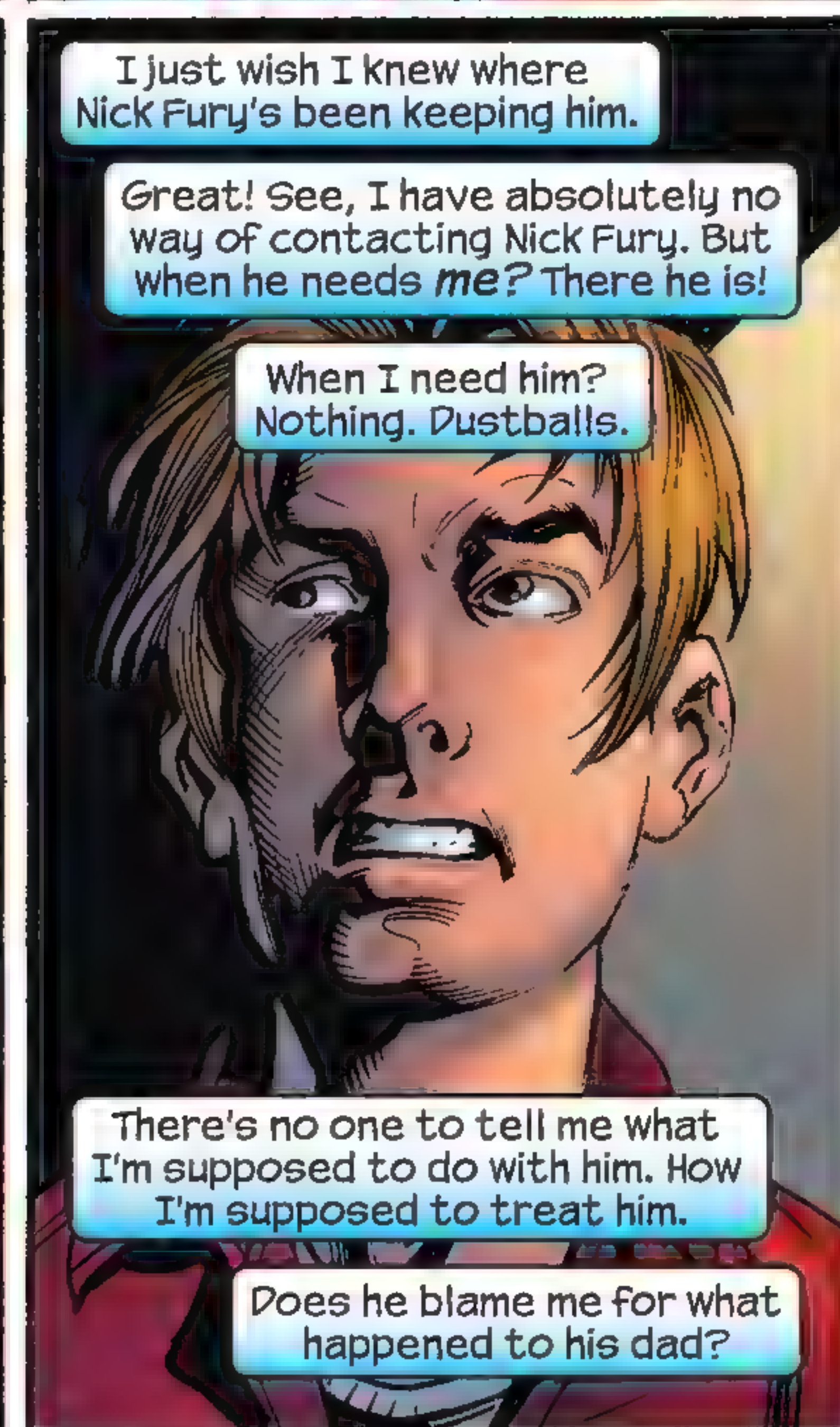
Are we still friends? Doesn't feel like it.



Maybe we *are* friends and I'm the one being weird.

(Yelling at MJ, what is wrong with me?)

Maybe it's just good ol' Harry come back looking for friendly faces and I'm acting like a tool.



I just wish I knew where Nick Fury's been keeping him.

Great! See, I have absolutely no way of contacting Nick Fury. But when he needs *me*? There he is!

When I need him? Nothing. Dustballs.

There's no one to tell me what I'm supposed to do with him. How I'm supposed to treat him.

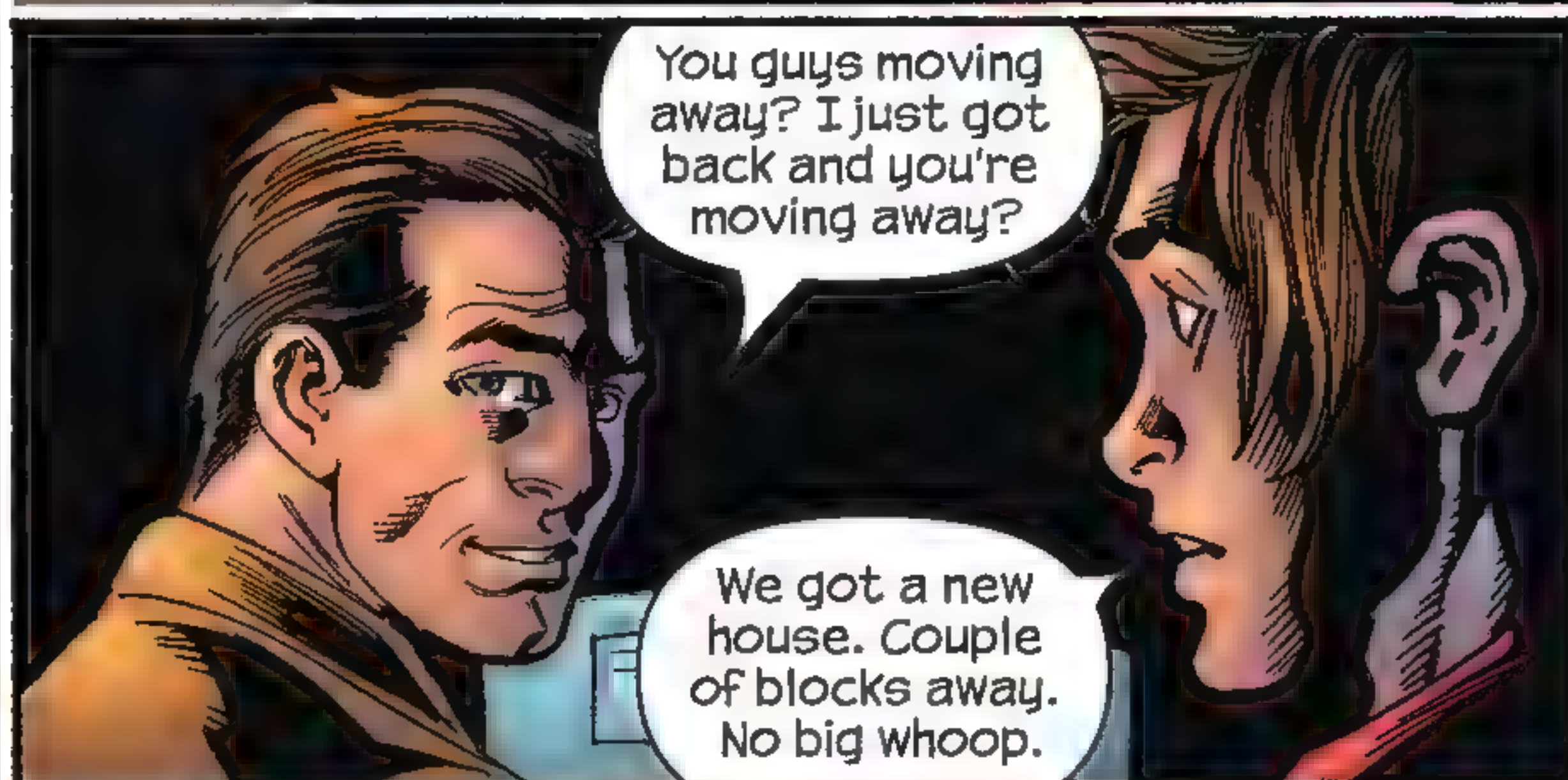
Does he blame me for what happened to his dad?



I don't know!!

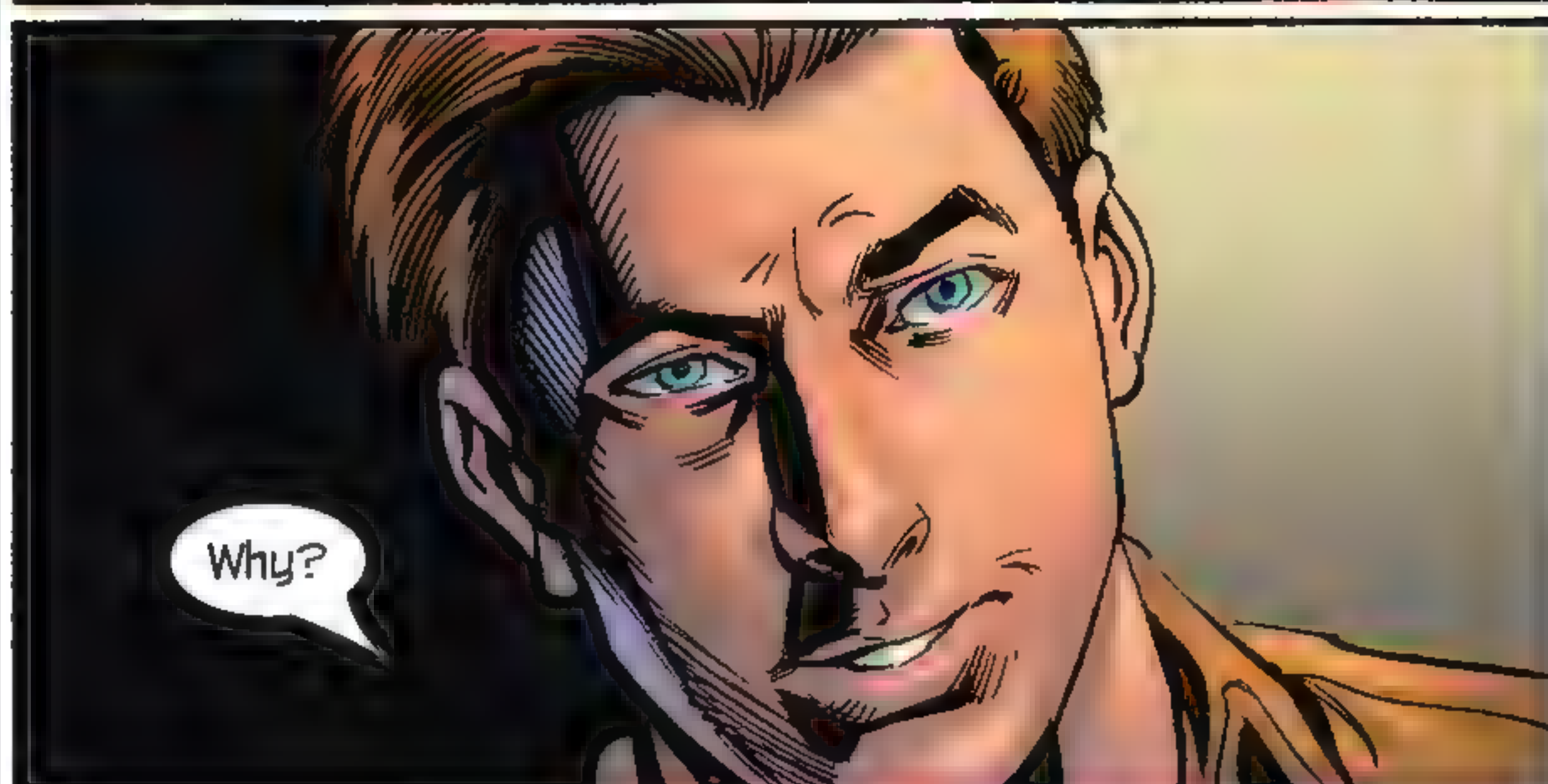
Will somebody please tell me what I am supposed to--

Where do you think you're going?



You guys moving away? I just got back and you're moving away?

We got a new house. Couple of blocks away. No big whoop.

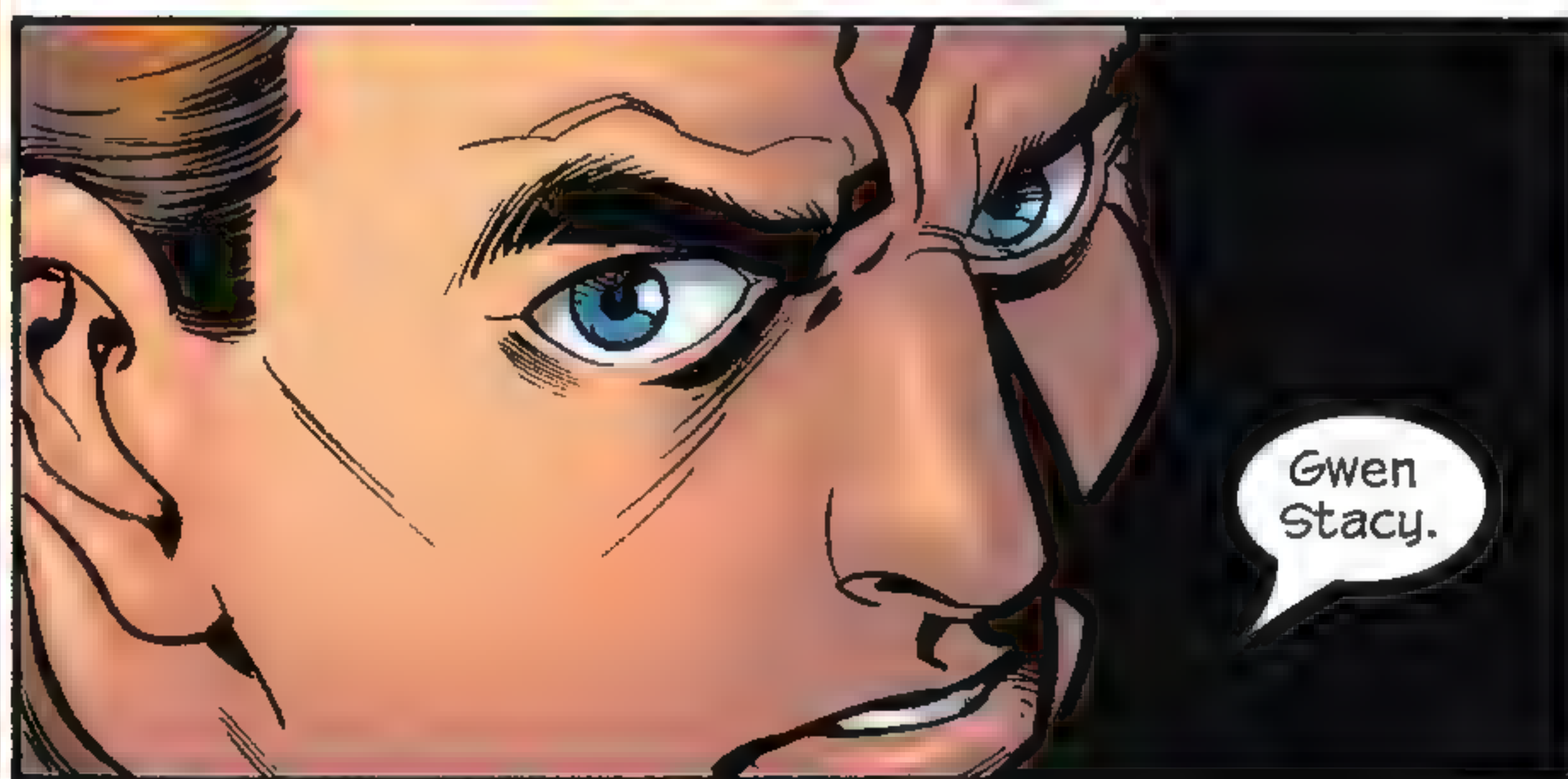


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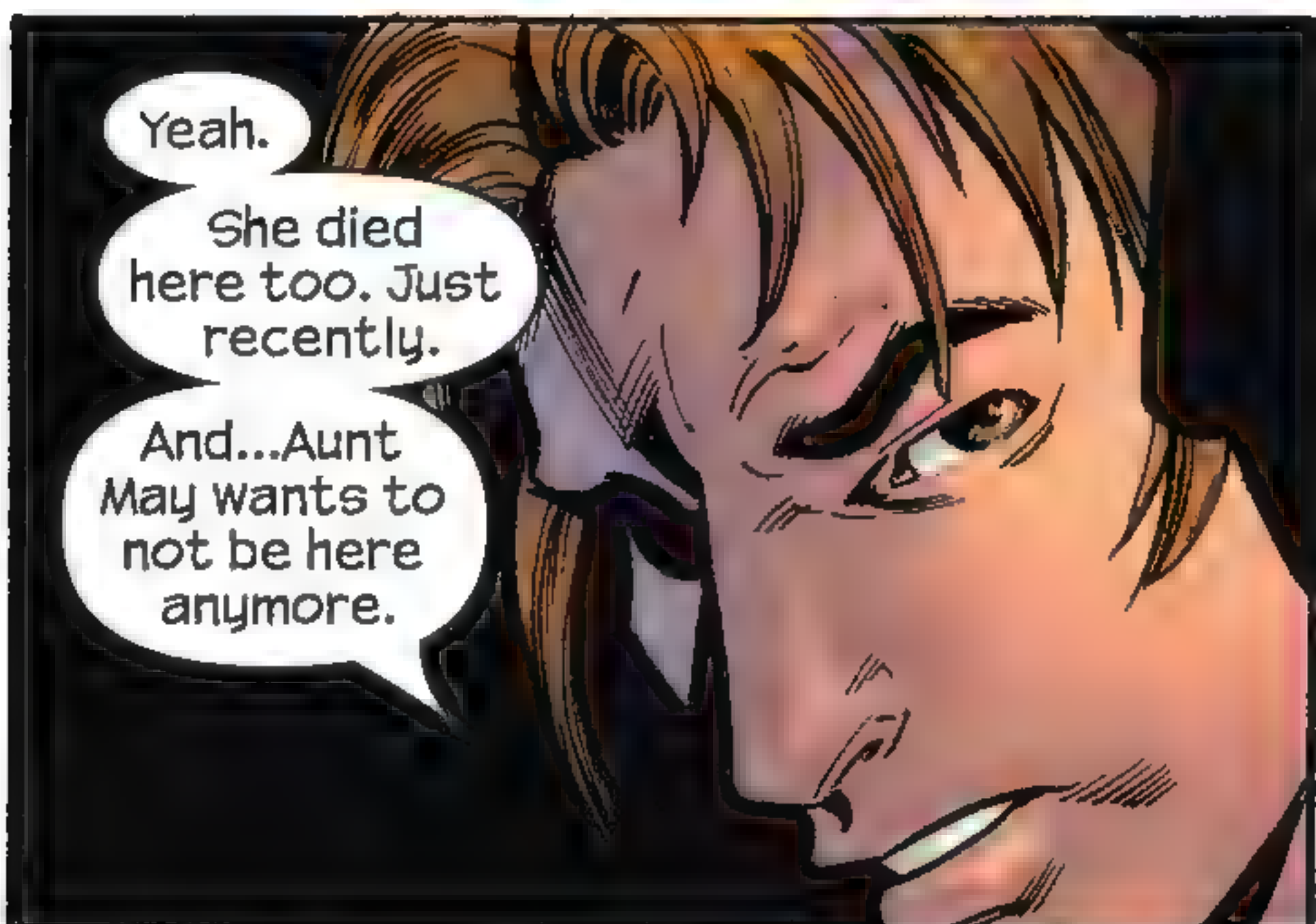


Well, first my Uncle Ben died here.

And then this girl...



Gwen Stacy.



Yeah.

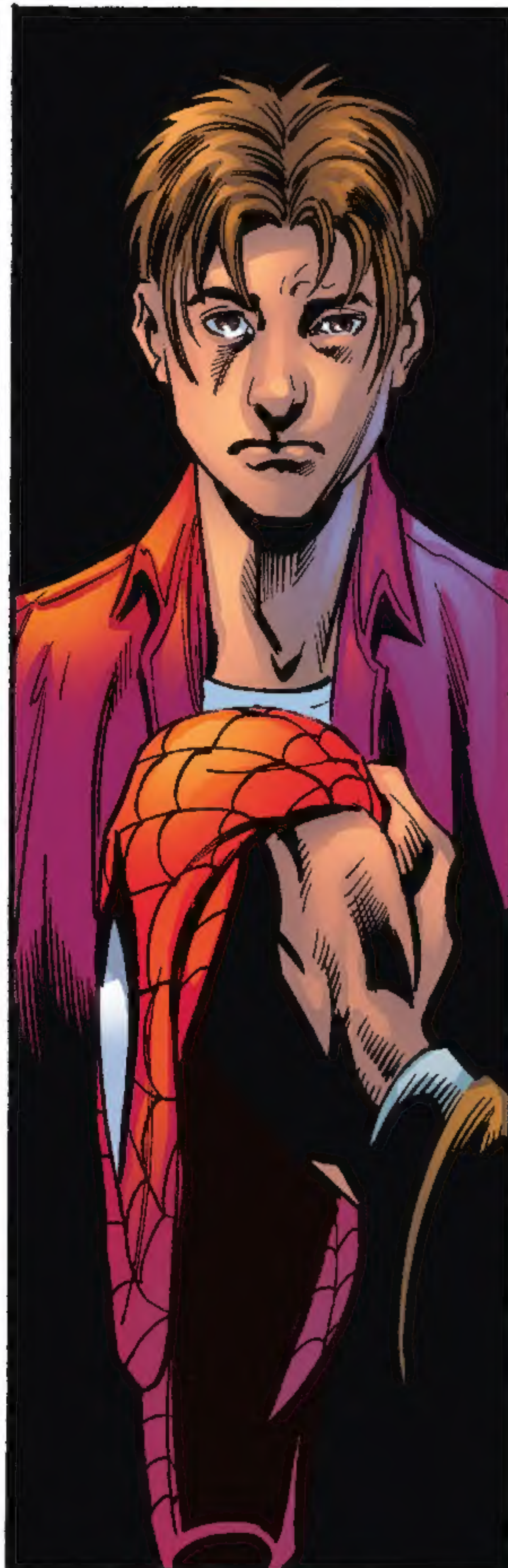
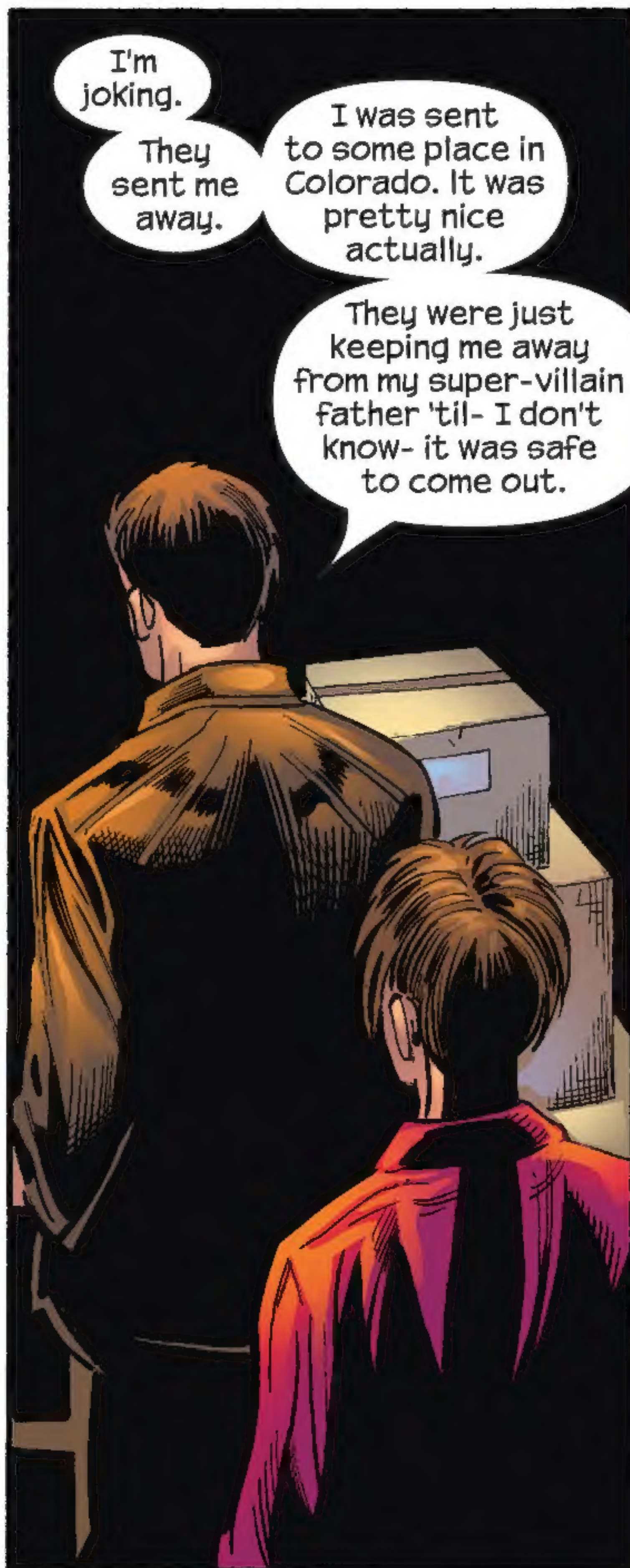
She died here too. Just recently.

And...Aunt May wants to not be here anymore.



Sure. Ghosts and all. I can dig that.

Where've you been, Harry?





Just trying to put things in perspective.

I've been thinking about you a lot. Thinking about our lives.

See, there's this funny thing going on with you and me...I don't know if you know.

You get super powers and become a famous super hero.



My life as I knew it... ends.

You get to be Spider-Man and my dad kills my mom.



Every time my father goes nuts...

...there you are.



And I come back to Queens...

And who's dating my girlfriend...



What?



To be continued... 



SON OF ULTRAMAN